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Section

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ACTIVITY NUMBER
9-0145368

GREENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

1 OFFENSE Criminal Homicide	2 IDENTIFICATION Murder	3 OFFICE Pitter, G. C.	4 TIME & DATE OF REPORT 1/15 3/1/80
5 TIME 10:00	6 VICTIM'S ADDRESS N/A	7 BEST AVAILABLE COPY	

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On 1/3/80, I, along with Detective [REDACTED] talked with [REDACTED] at the K-Mart lot in Martinsville, VA. Mr. [REDACTED], an employee of Budd Manufacturing Company in Martinsville, was in Greensboro on 11/3/79.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated on 11/3/79, he came to Greensboro in a van owned by [REDACTED]. During the trip to Greensboro, he, along with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were in the van. They arrived on Everitt Street and parked facing west, got out of the van and walked to the area of the laundromat. He observed a truck and several people on it. At this time, he spoke to the people standing around, but did not reveal as to any of their names or any of the conversations he had with them. When the Klan caravan came through, he was standing on the other side of the street from the laundromat on the sidewalk. He heard someone say, "Here come the Klan." He heard a shot but did not know where it came from. He ran into the van, got in, then into an apartment. He stayed in the apartment and the owner of the van went and got it and came around and picked him up. The same people who came in the van left in the van. They also took [REDACTED] with them. They went back to Martinsville with out going back to the scene.

While talking to Mr. [REDACTED] he stated [REDACTED] asked him to come to Greensboro on 11/3/79. When she asked him to come to Greensboro, she advised him to bring a gun with him. He told her he did not have a gun and was not going to bring one. He further stated he had seen Ms. [REDACTED] in several weeks. Mr. [REDACTED] also identified the following individuals:

(1) [REDACTED] as being [REDACTED] address unknown, working at Field Crest in Martinsville, VA
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(3) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Martinsville, VA

At this time, this was all the information Mr. [REDACTED] was able to furnish this officer. Before Mr. [REDACTED] left, he allowed this officer to photograph him and the film was turned over to Officer [REDACTED], Greensboro Police Department.

Nothing further to report at this time.

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OFFENSE Criminal Homicide	3 CLASSIFICATION Murder	4 OFFICE Ritter J. C.	5 TIME & DATE OF REPORT 1355 1/21/80	
7 VICTIM'S ADDRESS N/A		Subj		

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On 1/16/80, Detective [] and I went to Martinsville, Virginia, where we interviewed [] was contacted by telephone and arrangements were made to meet her at a service station at Martinsville. Investigator [] of the Henry County Sheriff's Department, went with us for the interview.

[] stated she went to Greensboro on 11/3/79, in a van which belonged to [] In the van for the trip to Greensboro, were []

She stated she had found out about the rally in Greensboro through [] who also works for the Bud Manufacturing in Martinsville. [] had asked her to come to Greensboro but didn't give her any indication that there would be trouble.

Upon arriving in Greensboro, they went to a house at an unknown location where there were several people present. She stated [] and [] were at the house along with [] and [] were identified from photographs.

Upon leaving the house, they went to the rally site where everyone got out of the van. There were people singing and fixing up a truck with speakers on it. After awhile, [] and her cousin, [] started walking through the housing project to find a place to use the bathroom. As they were walking away, she heard the first shot. She didn't remember which direction the shot came from; and at that time, started running into the project. After running into the project, someone let them into a house where they stayed during the entire shooting. They waited in the house until [] was able to get his van and come around to pick them up. The same people who came to Greensboro in the van went back to Martinsville along with []. She stated they didn't talk about the shooting on the way back to Martinsville.

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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

OFFENSE Crimes Homicide	3. IDENTIFICATION [Redacted]	4. OFFICER Callahan, J.P.	5. TIME & DATE OF REPORT 1700 2/3/83
6. TIME 1700	7. VICTIM'S ADDRESS [Redacted]		

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On 2/3/83, at 1700 hour, this writer was present in the conference room, Criminal Investigation Division, Greensboro Police Department. Also present were the following persons: Detective [Redacted] Detective [Redacted] Captain [Redacted], Assistant District Attorney Jim Cohan and Assistant District Attorney Rick Greeson.

The purpose of this meeting was to allow [Redacted] and [Redacted] to view certain photographs of people AND video tapes, reference the homicides that occurred at Veritz and Carter on 11/3/79.

At 1700 hour, [Redacted] and his attorney, Mr. [Redacted] entered the conference room. [Redacted] brought in a shirt and pair of trousers which he turned over to Detective [Redacted] while in the conference room.

Reference a shotgun Mr. [Redacted] had inquired about, he produced a slip of paper with the following information written on it: "Lastfield Model 916-1, pump action shotgun, Smith and Wesson, 12-gauge, 20" barrel, Serial 101310."

Concerning this shotgun, Mr. [Redacted] stated he believed the gun had been loaded with seven 12-gauge, double eight buck rounds, consisting of two different types of ammo. Mr. [Redacted] requested information on this shotgun, which he stated was his. He also stated it had been on the rack in his truck on 11/3/79. He stated he had locked the truck and left the gun in the truck. He also requested some wedding photographs that he stated were in his

[Redacted] was then allowed to view the photographs of individuals in Volume 2 of the Log of this writer concerning this case. Mr. [Redacted] made the following comments as he viewed the photographs:

- (1) R-3, "Seen that guy before."
- (2) R-10, [Redacted] stated he had seen this individual in the courthouse.
- (3) R-11, [Redacted] stated he had seen this man before.
- (4) R-7, [Redacted] stated he knew this subject from the television.
- (5) R-22, "She was in the caravan, back furthest toward the window, right side of car, woman, sitting next to her, towards the end of the caravan."
- (6) R-25, [Redacted] stated he knew that guy, that's him."
- (7) R-12, [Redacted] "
- (8) R-15, "He and [Redacted]"
- (9) R-15, [Redacted]
- (10) R-13, [Redacted]
- (11) R-21, [Redacted]

At this time, Mr. [Redacted] went back to the front of the notebook and started through it again. He made a statement like, "Go back, there's one guy in particular that I had in mind." At this point, [Redacted] asked his attorney, Mr. [Redacted] a private question.

Clark then started looking back through the notebook.

- (1) R-5, [Redacted] stated this guy he recognized, but he thinks it's from seeing him on TV. [Redacted] said he thinks he's the guy that had the gun propped up.
- (2) R-20, [Redacted] stated, "That's the guy you were telling me about, I never got

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He stated he didn't know the subject in Photograph L-28. [] said he knew there was a to have someone ride a bicycle in the march, and this is why he brought his bicycle.

(1) L-32, [] said he had seen her before. At this point, Mr. [] asked [] if he didn't know her or he just wouldn't say. [] stated he had seen her around.

(2) L-12, [] clarified this. Earlier, this writer thought he had said [] but [] stated it was []

Mr. []'s attorney left the room at 1045 hours. Mr. [] then stated he had had on a plastic jacket during the incident on 11/3/79. Mr. [] stated the jacket had Duke written in it. He states he had it on underneath his shirt, that it wasn't his jacket, but belonged to someone else and it was a windbreaker type jacket.

At 1047 hours, Mr. [] left the room and Mr. Ono came back in with [] others previously named were still present in the room.

[] was then allowed to examine the photos of individuals in Volume 9. She made the following comments reference these photographs:

- (1) R-5, "Recognize this guy from the newspaper."
- (2) R-6, "Recognize this guy from the newspaper."
- (3) R-9, "I think I recognize this guy from China Grove, not sure."
- (4) R-15, "He looks familiar, but I'm not sure where."

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At 1049 hours, Captain [] and Detective [] left the room.

- (5) L-25, "I know []"
- (6) L-11, "I know []"
- (7) L-12, "I know []"
- (8) L-13, []"
- (9) L-15, []"
- (10) L-16, []"
- (11) L-18, []".
- (12) L-22, "I don't know this guy's name, but he was standing near me on November the 3rd, and cops pulled him away. I didn't know him before that day."
- (13) R-22, "There was a youngish woman similar to her, hair was different. This is possibly her, but I'm not sure."
- (14) R-9, "China Grove."
- (15) R-5 and R-6, "Remember these two from newspapers."

At 1054 hours, Mr. [] came back in with [], the supervisor of the Greensboro Police ab.

Captain [] then asked Mr. [] several questions concerning his truck and shotgun. Mr. [] had said the door was open on the truck, and the truck had been moved after the shooting. Mr. [] had said the gun was in the truck at that time. He stated he had locked the truck after he got out of it. Mr. [] stated the truck had been moved to the front of 1815 Merritt Street and the gun was in the truck at that time. Mr. [] further stated his shotgun was in the truck when he parked it, and he had locked the truck.

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1038 hours, Mr. [redacted] played the Channel 11 video tape in the presence of [redacted] and others present named above.

At 1125 hours, [redacted] requested a playback to view his truck, looking for his shotgun. This is footage taken after the shooting incident. After viewing this section of film again, Mr. [redacted] stated, "I don't see the gun." His vehicle is seen turning west on Everitt Street from Carver at this point in time on the film.

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At 1150 hours, the tape was completed and turned off.

After viewing the film, [redacted] stated that reference the girl in the book, he thought she was in the white Buick.

[redacted] stated she still had the impression that [redacted] had given her the finger on 11/3/75.

At this time, the conference ended and all persons left the room.

2/15/80/24-26

2/15/80
5:03-5:25p

COMPLAINT NUMBER:

79-0145368

OFFENSE

Criminal Homicide/Murder

OFFICER:

N/A

VICTIM:

N/A

ADDRESS:

1/18/80

TIME AND DATE OF REPORT:

On 1/18/80, Friday, at approximately 3:30 p.m., while in the Conference Room of the Detective Office, this writer, Detective [REDACTED], interviewed [REDACTED], W/F/41, D.O.B. [REDACTED]. This interview took place in the conference room of the Detective Office. Also present during the time of the interview was Mrs. [REDACTED] 's attorney, Mr. [REDACTED]. At the time of this interview, Mrs. [REDACTED] stated she was residing at [REDACTED], City, Telephone 275-6589. She also stated she was unemployed at this time.

"On 11/3/79, Saturday, about 10:35-10:45 p.m., I was at Everitt and Carver singing with a crowd of people. We were having an anti-klan rally. Some time after that, around 11:00-11:15, was when I saw this caravan of cars travelling on Everitt Street toward Gillespie. The cars stopped. I also saw a man in one of cars that I recognized from a newspaper article which had been run several years ago in the Greensboro Daily News. This man was well dressed and I recognized him to be [REDACTED]. I never met the man personally, and remembered him from a photograph which appeared in a newspaper. There were about seven cars in the caravan and approximately 4 - 5 persons in each car. Several women were in the cars.

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"When the cars stopped, someone in one of the cars gave us the finger. We started insulting them. We traded insults. Then some of the people in the crowd had sticks and they started beating on the caravan cars. Some kids were also involved. I then heard a shot from up in front of the caravan, at least in that direction. Somebody said take the kids to safety, so I took the kids and run down Carver Drive and ended up at somebody's house.

"I never saw nobody with a weapon and I never saw when they got out of the car. I heard a bunch of shots, I was not injured nor was I assaulted."

When asked if she saw Mr. [REDACTED] or Mr. [REDACTED] get shot, she stated she did not.

I asked Ms. [REDACTED] for a description of the vehicles and the only description she could give of any of the vehicles in the caravan was that one of the cars was white.

I asked Ms. [redacted] if she could remember the remarks which were traded back and forth between the singing group and the caravan, and she stated she did not remember what was said, just remembers someone in the caravan gave the singing crowd the finger. She would not be able to identify other people in the caravan other than [redacted] and possibly would be able to identify the women with him too. When asked to give a description of the ladies, she stated a couple of them were on the young side, and this was the only description which could be given. She said she can maybe identify them if she saw them again. I asked her if she had anything else to add reference the shooting which took place at Everitt and Carver Drive on 11/3/79. She stated she did not. . .

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It should be noted that during the time of this interview Ms. [redacted]'s attorney, [redacted] was present and would confer with his client by whispering from time to time.

This interview was concluded on 1/18/80, Friday, at 3:55 p.m.

[redacted] Detective
Criminal Investigation Division

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ACTIVITY NUMBER
7-0145363

GREENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

2 OFFENSE Criminal Homicide	3 CLASSIFICATION Murder	4 OFFICER [Redacted]	5 TIME & DATE OF REPORT 1700 1/18/80
6 CTIM X/A	7 VICTIM'S ADDRESS X/A		

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On 1/13/80, at 1420 hours, the following people came to the P.D. requesting additional investigations of this case:

- (1) [Redacted] attorney
- (2) [Redacted] attorney (275-2539)
- (3) [Redacted]
- (4) [Redacted]
- (5) [Redacted]
- (6) [Redacted]
- (7) [Redacted]

This writer, Detective [Redacted], and Captain [Redacted] met with the above mentioned people in the Conference Room of the Detective Division, and it was presented to us the following allegations:

Mr. [Redacted] stated his clients wished to indict the 14 Klansmen and 20 others that were in the caravan, one of which they identified as [Redacted] and a subject [Redacted], plus [Redacted] on charges of:

- (1) Conspiracy to commit murder
- (2) Attempted murder
- (3) Assault with intent to murder
- (4) Aiding and abet murder

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Also Mr. Tockman indicated his clients wished to pursue charges against three police officers:

- (1) Lieutenant [Redacted]
- (2) Lieutenant [Redacted]
- (3) Detective [Redacted]

Mr. Tockman stated they wished to pursue charges of:

- (1) Conspiracy to commit murder
- (2) Assault with intent to murder
- (3) Aiding and abetting murder
- (4) Criminal negligence

Mr. [Redacted]'s statement was that the officers were to be charged the same as all the other defendants with exception of attempted murder.

Captain [Redacted] explained to the group that we would be happy to investigate their charges and complaints. He also left them the option if they were not satisfied with the investigation of going to the S.B.I. to seek them to investigate the matter, or another option of going directly to the Attorney General's Office to seek an investigation, or on the investigation of the P.D., if they were not satisfied with the way it would be conducted, pursuing the options of the S.B.I. and Attorney General's Office.

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Mr. [redacted] stated he would like to proceed at this level, the City Level, with our investigation and Captain [redacted] instructed this writer and Detective [redacted].

This writer then conducted an interview with [redacted] and also [redacted].
Officer [redacted] conducted an interview with Mr. [redacted] and Ms. [redacted].

Those reports will be covered in an additional report of victim's statements.

The investigation is continuing.

No further to report at this time.

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Tape 1

This is ah [redacted]. I'm a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, assigned to Greensboro, North Carolina. This is April 8th, 1982. I'm with the ah American Inn in Greensboro, North Carolina, to conducting interview of Mrs. [redacted]. At this time I'd like the ah individuals in the room who are present please to identify themselves, starting with Mr. [redacted] please.

I'm [redacted] with the Greensboro Justice Fund. I'd like to note our objection to Mr. [redacted] s conducting the interview.

I'm [redacted]. I'm an attorney with the Civil Rights Division of the U. S. Department of Justice

[redacted] with the Civil Rights Division [redacted], Special Agent, FBI, Washington, D. C.

[redacted]: I'd also like to note that we started this interview at 12:25 (inaudible)

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Okay. Mrs. [redacted] would you please be good enough to state your full name and also your maiden name

[redacted]: My name is [redacted]. My maiden name is [redacted]. My middle name is [redacted].

[redacted]: Okay, and where do you live now Mrs. [redacted]?

[redacted]: Ah [redacted] in Greenboro.

[redacted]: And how long have you resided at that address?

[redacted]: Since this ah, last September

[redacted]: And in 1979, in November of 1979 where did you live?

[redacted]: At that time, I lived at [redacted] in Greensboro

[redacted]: And how long have you lived at that address?

Yes he was

Was he a medical doctor?

Yes, ah he came to North Carolina as a matter of fact ah as a staff pediatrician at Duke Hospital.

And how long was he employed at Duke Hospital?

Am I suppose it was approximately a year.

And during the period of say January, '79 up through November, '79 when he was working at the mill in Haw River, did he also practice medicine?

Well he did informally ah he would help any of our friends ah or neighbors who needed help.

So his major source of employment then would be
ah his practice, his am employment at the mill?

Yes, he did not take money for ah doctoring after he left it.

Okay. Ah you indicated that you helped your husband with his ah union activities at the ah home of ah mill there, would you please explain just what your husband was involved in and the role he played in union activities, and what assistance you gave him.

He was trying to build a strong union ah turn a weak union local into a strong local which meant adding more numbers to it and ah really building it into a democratic union that would be run by the participation of the worker. Am, and he ah fought many grievances inside the plant when there were unjust working conditions helping ah people who got hurt get Workmen's Compensation, and ah having some of the am old outmoded equipment that was injuring people, having that replaced, passing around petitions ah that workers would sign having regular union meetings, am so he was doing that, I was helping him you know talk through things ah, and then he was elected shop steward when he started becoming active in the union, ah after that point, at some point he was elected ah vice president of the local, and then when Cone fired him in 1978 the workers elected him president of the local and helped him to try to get his job back. Ah at that point they all decided to publish a newsletter called The Granite Update ah which came out monthly. It went through about eight or nine different issues in '78 and '79, and ah I gave him some secretarial help with that.

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[redacted]
Ah approximately five years, well four and a half maybe

[redacted]: Okay, ah in 1979, in November were you employed?

[redacted]: Yes I was

[redacted]: And what was your employment?

[redacted]: I worked at Collins and Aikman Yarn Plant in Graham.

[redacted]: That's Graham, North Carolina?

[redacted]: Right

[redacted]: And what position did you hold there?

[redacted]: Well I was training to be a spinner

[redacted]: Okay. In that period of ah say January, 1979 through November of 1979, did you participate in any union activities?

[redacted]: What was the period again please?

[redacted]: From January, 1979 up through November of 1979

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[redacted]: Ahh, I helped my [redacted] do his trade union work. Am he was ah the president of his union local 1113T in Haw River and am he was ah getting out weekly updates with the other workers and ah things need to be typed and the rally the things that I helped too.

[redacted]: Okay please identify your [redacted] by name please.

[redacted]: My [redacted] was Jim Waller.

[redacted]: Okay, and was ah Mr. Waller employed at ah which plant in Haw River?

[redacted]: Am Granite Finishing Plant, Cone Mill in Haw River.

[redacted]: And what position did he hold then?

[redacted]: Am well he did different things ah I can't recall, I think he was, he was spare help, he was ah worked different machines, I can't recall exactly

[redacted]: Was your [redacted] also a physician?

[redacted]: In November of 1979 then was your [redacted] James Waller employed at the mill and all?

[redacted] No, not in November of '79. He was employed by the City of Greensboro at the ah treatment plant.

[redacted] And how long had he been employed there?

[redacted]: Ah roughly six months.

[redacted] Okay, was he active in any kind of union activity at the City ah treatment plant?

[redacted] There was no union activity.

[redacted] Okay. So he still maintained his union activity in Haw River, although he was was no longer employed at that ah firm?

[redacted] He was going through all the procedures to try to get his job back, ah he was am going through the National Labor Relations Board, ah going through the whole hearing process, and everything with the workers supporting him, so I recall one hearing that was in Greensboro ah several of the workers in the plant there, and ah they all felt, they knew exactly why he had been fired for leading a strike in the summer of '78, am so they stood by him and ah you know showed their confidence in him by electing him as head of the local and trying to get his job back.

[redacted] And approximately how many people were in that local union at that time, to your knowledge?

[redacted] Ammm, well during the period of July of 1978, when the workers went out on strike, the strength of the local increased enormously from about a dozen or fifteen members to ah almost about two hundred members, a good proportion of the workers at the plant.

[redacted] Okay, in addition to the union activities that your husband participated in, were you or your husband active in any political groups in early 1979?

[redacted] Yes. Ahhh my [redacted] was active in the Workers Viewpoint Organization, and am I was ah very supportive in participating in a lot of the activities of the Workers Viewpoint Organization and I was active in the African Liberation Support Committee also

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Okay explain for us what is that

He was the, also the treasurer in the Educational League

Okay explain to us what the Workers Viewpoint Organization was (clears throat) in 1979.

In 1979, it was a communist organization that was ah engaging in organizing activities among the working class for building up strong unions in the communities against racism, am that's some of the things it dealt with, basically what it was doing.

Okay (clears throat) were you a member of the organization yourself?

No I was not

Okay did your [redacted] hold any position or title or officer's position in the Workers Viewpoint Organization?

Ah not to my knowledge, he was an active member though.

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Okay. Do you know who was the leadership of the Workers Viewpoint Organization in 1979?

Well I know [redacted] was active in it, ah any [redacted], am I don't know who the leadership of it was.

Okay. Who else ah were members of the Workers Viewpoint Organization during this period of time?

Ah I don't know what you, what do you mean by leadership?

People who are the kind of responsibility for organization activities, anything of that nature

Uh huh. Well my [redacted] had a considerable amount of leadership. I don't know what you would call him, but he was leadership ah in the area for Workers Viewpoint

Well did he have any particular function then that he performed for the organization?

Well, what functions does the leader perform? I mean it's it's the the brightest person, one who ah explains to people how things should be done, understands things better.

Okay well it would be ah administrative function in the organization, would it be an operation function that he performed as far as you said teaching instructing and things of this nature ah organization function, getting new membership and things of this nature, did he do all of these things within the organization? Did he have one particular function as a I'd say a treasurer a company might have or a vice president a company might have?

Does knowing this gonna help you find out who killed them?

No mam...

(Talks over) You just asked me to describe his functions

...it gives us some background though (unintelligible) No I'm, we're only asking these questions to develop background as to the incident...

On what, on who killed them or on ah...

Yeah [redacted] we have some concern about inquiring into the organizational structure Workers Viewpoint.

Uh huh

She's demonstrated that he was active in that group, and the type work that he did, and I will have objection to continued questioning about who was in leadership, and what was the organizational structure...

Okay (unintelligible)

...obviously they have reason to be concerned about the security and safety of the people in the organization when five of them have been murdered

Well we're not asking anything about who is a leader in the organization now. Ah, allegations have been made that there was a concerted effort to identify the leadership and to murder them on November 3rd. In order to assess that allegation it's, of course, necessary for us to determine ah who the leaders were on November 3rd at least in the public's eye. Ah, and we're to, as I say to assess whether that allegation is true or not true, so that is the purpose of the question ah, and I don't see how we can...

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[redacted]
[redacted]: Yeah I (unintelligible) (talks over)

[redacted]
[redacted]: ...deal with that allegation without talking about who was at least in the public's eye the leaders of WVO on ah November 30th...

[redacted]
[redacted]: Well I've already told you that my [redacted] was ah recognized as the leader of his trade union local and he played a leading role in the strike in the summer of 1978, and I think, and he was very open about his politics, and it was known that he was the representative of the Workers Viewpoint Organization so I suppose his leadership was perceived in just those ways.

[redacted]
[redacted]: Fine

[redacted]
[redacted]: Now we're thinking, no problem about inquiry about those in fact that did get murdered or attacked and whether or not they may have had that status or just a general sort of dragnet question of who was in leadership which as I perceive one of the questions to sort of deal

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[redacted]: Well, that, that, I don't, I don't perceive it to be that way because ah just like I said the allegation is that the leaders were identified ah and arrangements were made to have them murdered, and now if that, if that is true, then if there are five people who are dead, and two were leaders, and there are eight other leaders that I may suggest something about that allegation as opposed to the fact that there are five leaders and all five of them are dead. See what I'm saying? So I, it seems to be that that asking those type of questions are pertinent to the allegations that have been made, and if we can't ask those type of questions we can't assess that allegation

[redacted]
[redacted]: Well I think the activities that someone is involved in is certainly pertinent, and I would think that [redacted] will discuss that, has about that Nelson was active, that his wife was active, and other folks, but as far as defining it in terms of organizational structure, I would probably advise her not to answer thos kind of questions. I think you can get at what you're wanting to do by the method I'm suggesting

We would (clears throat) have to leave that to you which question I'll make about the advice you give your clients, ah, but I, I stated, I stated my view, and I stated it the best I can the reasons that that sort of thing is gone into...

Well then I'm just suggesting that the question be counts in terms of whose, who were some people who did, who participated in activities involving union work, involving racial equality. It would be see, perceived in the community, and not phrased in terms of who was the leader in the Workers Viewpoint Organization.

Well, the allegation ah that you have brought to our attention is not that members of WVO were identified and murdered, it is that the leaders of WVO were identified and murdered.

That's not what our complaint in the civil suit alleges if that's what you're referring to. We refer to people who were labor organizers, militant labor organizers, and subsequently...

I'm not talking about the complainant in the civil suit...

(Talks simultaneously) ...communist and the people who...

...I'm talking, I'm talking about allegations that have been reported in the media and that you and I have discussed from time to time, and that the rest of your clients during their, during their interview have mentioned, and as I told you all along we're gonna look at everything, that includes this. Now if you don't want us to look at this, we won't ask those questions.

Michael, you know that's obviously not what I'm getting at.

Right. I know that

If you can ask the question about the five people that got murdered and the seven or so that got injured were they active in providing leadership and perceive that way and were there any others. There's, there's many ways that you can ask a question and skin a cat a lot of different ways

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[redacted]: Well that's right, and what I hear from you is only an objection to the way in which the question was phrased, and what I'm trying to get beyond here is the point of those questions, what we're attempting to seek by asking questions of that nature, and ah it seems to me that if we quibble about the particular phrasing of each question that we could be here for a very very long time

[redacted]: That's why I would hope that you was in charge of this investigation would take some leadership here, and we withdraw with some questions that don't hang up on the, hang this on the hangup that I'm talking about and I mean [redacted] would answer the questions ah for you

[redacted]: Well fine. Let's go on.

[redacted]: Let's get on. Okay. Mrs. [redacted] did you become acquainted with ah [redacted] in 1979?

[redacted]: I knew [redacted] for some time prior to that

[redacted]: Approximately how long did you know him?

[redacted]: Almost as long as I have been in Greensboro. Ah since not that long after 1971. He and I had worked together on ah ah anti-capital punishment ah community ah organization. I guess it was back in '72 or 3 or something like that maybe 4.

[redacted]: Okay. Did you know Mr. [redacted] to be associated with the Workers Viewpoint Organization in 1979?

[redacted]: Yes I did.

[redacted]: Okay. And what activities was he involved in in the Workers Viewpoint Organization?

[redacted]: Ahhh in African Liberation Support work, and that, that was the main thing ah saving the black schools, and education struggle

[redacted]: Okay did you become acquainted with ah Dr. Nathan?

[redacted]: I have hardly knew Dr. Nathan. I knew of him because he and his wife ah [redacted] had been ah students of my [redacted]'s they were medical students, and my [redacted] taught at Duke, and ah I remember ah [redacted] saying that ah Mike was a really fine organizer, had a terrific sense of humor and really knew how to tell a story good, and I remember him talking about him, but more than, knowing him more indirectly, I don't.

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[redacted]: Was Dr. Nathan any way associated with the Workers Viewpoint Organization?

Well ah Dr. Nathan was helping to raise funds and medical supplies to ah send to African Liberation Movement ah cause her was involved with ah liberation for in fact in nineteen seventy-eight, seventy-nine I (Inaudible) I don't really know, ah so yeah, so I guess they ah were friends to one another too.

[redacted]: Okay, Bill Sampson, were you acquainted with Bill Sampson?

[redacted]: Yes I was.

[redacted]: Okay tell us how you knew Mr. Sampson.

Well he was also a ah trade union activist and ah was a close working, he knew my [redacted], closely working with my [redacted], ah also an employee of Cone Mills and ah somebody who was close to ah Workers Viewpoint activities.

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[redacted]: When you say close, was he a member of the workers Viewpoint Organization?

[redacted]: Well I think that's exactly the point...

[redacted]: I don't know

[redacted]: ...that we were talking about. You were using the term associated with. I was hearing not as a term of art but meaning participating in activities in the same ah general political context, and I think that's sufficient for us to continue in that, in that, with that definition.

[redacted]: Well I go back to what I said before ah it ah I'm not concerned about the allegations you've made in this civil suit in terms of in terms of what ah paragraphs you put in your civil suit, in terms of how that affects your civil suit, as I told you all along. I have, we have nothing to do with that. What we're here to do is to investigative from the criminal standpoint whether criminal charges should be brought against anybody, and one of the allegations that have been mentioned in the media and has been mentioned by members, people that you represent, is that the, the leadership in WVFO, WVO excuse me, was singled out prior to November 3rd, and a concerted plan to execute them was conducted on November 3rd. In order to assess that allegation and find all evidence relevant to that alle-allegation it's necessary to ask about the persons who were

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killed and who were leaders as well as others in terms of their membership in and leadership activity in WVO.

Well lemme, lemme just say about Bill, that Bill was outstanding for the activities he was doing. Like my [redacted], Bill would fight for workers, would go in the boss's office and ah have the workers standing right alongside of him and would lead that and he was perceived that way by others as selflessly fighting for the interest of the workers and ah he was up for nomination to to head up his union local over at White Oak in Greensboro

[redacted]
[redacted]:
Was he perceived by...

Well he was certainly perceived as a ah representative of the Workers Viewpoint. He was perceived as a a fighting trade unionist, and I don't see what more you need to know to help you in your investigation of who killed them because in fact he was perceived as a, as those I say inside people around him

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[redacted]
[redacted]:
Fine, that's what we want to know

Okay

[redacted]:
Okay, maybe I can help clarify that...

[redacted]:
Yeah

...you know. I don't think there's too much question that ah [redacted], Dr. Waller, was active and active in the role as what a leadership ought a be, Workers Viewpoint Organization. I'm still not sure if Dr. Nathan was active or in any leadership role of Workers Viewpoint Organization, although it's obvious, you know obviously he was very supportive of the ah, of the work that was being done by the organization. The only reason I'm asking the question is to clarify as to distinguish between that Dr. Nathan is just supportive of the activities of an giving medical aid and assistance to certain activities of Workers Viewpoint, or is in fact is he is a member of it and part of the leadership of it. (Pause) The different being very simply that you know the, as

ah Mister [redacted] said, the allegation has been made that when the Klan came to Greensboro on November 3rd, 1979, they were aware of, or had knowledge from some source, who the leadership of the Workers Viewpoint Organization was. Okay if that's true, and these people were not the leadership of, or a member of Workers Viewpoint Organization, it makes a substantial difference to our investigation. If they were obviously, and the Klan was aware of it, or at least perceiving as being a member of the leadership, that makes a different phase investigation. So I'm not prying into anything of what was the structure of the organization, ah just merely simply was the person identified within his own group, within his own associates as being active in, a member of, and in a leadership role in the Workers Viewpoint Organization or was he a person who was not a member of the Workers Viewpoint Organization, but through another agency or associate or affiliate, through trade unions, supportive of the Workers Viewpoint Organization.

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[redacted]:
Well we can come back and just proceed with the questions...

[redacted]:
Okay

[redacted]:
...as you phrase 'em, but let me just say that ah regardless as of what the media is asserting, I don't think we have ever asserted or trying to assert that it was simply membership in an organization that led to the attack or their death. It's the type political activity of labor work, of fighting against racial discrimination and racism and fighting for equality. If those activities were defining people, if those (pause) (noise) (pause) It's those kind of activities that would be, that would create the hostility from groups like the Klan and the Nazis and if if we've asserted we think from government official, and that's the area that if you wanna know what we're urging you to investigate, that's what we're asking you to investigate. So those type activities, [redacted] is more than happy to go into.

All right. We're not, we're concerned with the allegations that you're making and we're going to investigate those allegations, but we're not solely concerned with the allegations that you're making, we're concerned with the allegations everyone is making, and we plan to investigate all of the allegations and as I have told you consistently in our conversations, and as you have urged me in our conversations to do, okay. So it's not just confined to allegations you wish us to investigate it's all allegations concerning this incident.

Okay let's go on with taking the questions and (unintelligible)

Okay. All right were you ah in 1979 acquainted with Sandra Smith?

Yes I was

Okay and what was your association ah with Sandra Smith?

Well I knew her because she had been a student at Bennett College and I had taught at Bennett College. All-although she was gone when when I got there the year before she had left, but she was ah, she had graduated, she was a leader am student leader student president and am then I got to know her because she was also organizing at Cone Mill am and ah, yeah ah, she was trying to build a union at Revolution Plant; didn't have a union; they were trying to get one ah she was a friend of mine; beautiful, strong, dedicated woman.

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Okay. Did there come a time in ah early 1979 that you personally and through some of your associates become aware of a rise of Klan activity in the State of North Carolina?

Yes

All right, will you please tell me in narrative form how you became aware of this and what information ah you had developed concerning the rising Klan activity.

Well in the ah trade union organizing ah my [redacted] ah had been aware that ah the Klan was am something that ah the bosses could use to to bust the union, keep white and black workers apart, ah you know talking with workers you could see the ah the

prejudices, and ah that ah that the klan was ah you know promote, was making it difficult to organize trade unions...

Okay you don't...

...and ah in fact once ah, once when am, when Jim was passing out a leaflet ah as part of the Wilmington 10 at Granite, am some some white workers there who had worked with him in the trade union ah in in the union local ah made some nasty remarks to him you know about supporting black folks and ah he struggled with them and you know in the process of ah struggling over the views and ah at some point after that the the strike of July, 1978 occurred and am I don't remember exactly what point it was, but about a year later those same white workers who had been so nasty to him a year before ah understood what he was saying, and invited us to their home socially, and ah that was the kind of thing those conditions were changing because ah Jim and Bill and Sandy really struggled for ah the workers to to build unity you know across racial lines and saw that the Klan was a was a threat to that, was a definite fact how it was being used and why it was being promoted.

Okay are you familiar with any incident that occurred in ah in 1978 or 1979 in which any members of the Klan ah participated in any kind of incident ah against your [redacted]'s union activities or any union activities in Haw River, Greensboro, Burlington area?

Any particular incident?

Yeah

Ahhh

The Klan as an entity, you know, did something, demonstration or...

Oh well...

...burn cross whatever they do?

...well we heard of a few things ah the the thing that we heard of that we responded to was China Grove, ah we heard about the rise of the Klan, other ways that that there was something in Winston-Salem that we found out about after it happened

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Okay. Okay, tell me what you ah heard about after the fact what occurred in Winston-Salem regarding the Klan or any other group ah the Klan-Nazis anything like that

Ahh, well we read that they had ah had an exhibit in the library and people had gone down there and to protest it. I don't remember any more about it

Okay. So to your knowledge, you did not participate nor anybody that you knew participated in anything to do with any demonstration at the Forsyth County Library in Winston-Salem?

I'm not even aware of who participated in that to this day.

Okay and information you received was from the public and news media that there had been some confrontation...

Unknown Male:

(Clears throat)

...at the library?

I believe so, yeah.

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Okay. And when is the next time that you became aware of any kind of Klan activity in North Carolina?

(Pause)

Am I don't remember before or after, ah, the, I know ah in North Carolina well ah we heard that the Klan was going to ah show a film that they use for their propaganda, ancient film that really glorifies the Klan and showed black people as being animals called 'Birth of a Nation' and ah that was gonna be shown in China Grove, am so we along with community people from China Grove ah participated in the protest demonstration

Okay tell us how you recall first becoming aware of the fact that the Klan would be showing a recruiting film in China Grove and then tell us when you say we please identify who we are that participated with the ah community in China Grove to ah ah being against that activity.

Okay, I'm sorry what was the first thing that you said?

[REDACTED]
First is how you became aware of the fact that the Klan would be having a ah recruiting drive?

[REDACTED]: Okay, there was an article in the newspaper...

[REDACTED]: Okay

[REDACTED]: ...about a week before.

[REDACTED]: So would be early July then, 1979?

[REDACTED]: Uh huh

[REDACTED]: Okay and after you you read that article, tell us what happened ah, and who you dealt with and your husband dealt with regarding what was to take place in China Grove

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[REDACTED]: Well we learned that ahhh that there was considerable interest in that area ah sparked by that. There was a lot of opposition to it, that a lot of people were, not just black people, but a lot of people didn't like the Klan just coming into that area and am so we meaning people who were active around Workers Viewpoint, my [REDACTED], myself, ah [REDACTED]

ah (pause)

okay a few other people, I'm trying to think now ah went down to China Grove. There was already some organizing going on for ah people in the primarily the black community, to ah respond to it. So we joined with them together with them, and ah marched to the ah, we went to Town Hall ah community center. That was, that in itself was an issue because am a lot of people felt that ah the community center that people paid for with their tax money shouldn't be turned over to the Klan to ah do organizing and recruiting so ah we went there and there was a lot of angry chanting, ah there was some striking of the (Tape went blank)

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SIDE 2 (APPROXIMATELY MIDDLE OF TAPE)

This is a continua, a continuation of the interview of Mrs. [redacted]. Ah Mrs.

[redacted] you were telling us about the am occurrence at China Grove on July 8, 1979, would you please continue.

Ah there was a very tense moment of confrontation ah when the Klansmen who were armed ah and some guys dressed in funny uniform, I guess they were Nazis were standing on the porch in this Community Center, and am they, all the demonstrators were surrounding them militantly, angrily chanting. Ah, that when that moment dissolved, and the people just, ah well what happened was the Klan and the Nazis just ran inside the building and ah they had their guns pointed from the windows but they were inside. There were a couple of policemen on the porch standing alongside of them ah who might have advised them you'd better get inside, and the demonstrators marched around the building once or twice maybe, and then went back to ah the black community that had been in the area where people had organized you know from and went back there for a couple of hours

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Okay, prior to July 8th, 19 ah 79, had you gone down to China Grove?

Ah I went down one time prior to July 8th. Ah in order to get a sense of what was going on down there ah...

Uh

...and that's when I learend that there was ah a it, it was a lively topic of debate in in that area except that it was known that you know the Klan was gonna show a film and a lot of people were were opposed to it, maybe some frightened of it, you know, but people writing letters to the editor protesting it, and the black community was already planning to demonstrate.

Okay and who did you go with one trip down prior to July 8th?

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I went down there with [REDACTED]. We just went down to find out you know how people down there felt

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Okay, and do you recall who you spoke with down there in ah China Grove?

I sure don't. Just a man in the street type thing

Okay. And the next day that you went down was July 8th, 1979?

That's right

Ah who went with you on July 8th?

My [REDACTED] and I mean who went with me; I don't remember who exactly was riding in the car and I'll tell you the truth, I don't even remember if I was riding in the car with my husband on that day

Okay. After you arrived down there, who was ah down there that you recognized from your association in the trade unions of the Workers Viewpoint Organization?

Well I remember [REDACTED] was there, and I remember [REDACTED] was there, [REDACTED] ah Mike Nathan was there, who I did not know very well, but I knew who he was. Am my [REDACTED] ah Ceasar Cauce (Pause) off-hand I can't think of anybody else

Okay. Did you know Ceasar Cauce?

Just very slightly. Ah I think I had met him at some African Liberation Support Committee meetings. I had been active in Af-African Liberation Support Committee

Was Mr. Cauce active in any trade union activity to your knowledge?

I had heard that he was, but I didn't know about it directly

Okay. Did Mr. Cauce ever attend any kind of meetings that was ah part of the Workers Viewpoint Organization?

Well I didn't attend any meetings that were Workers Viewpoint Organization myself, so I knew Mr. Cauce or I did, I knew who he was...

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[redacted]
[redacted]: Uh huh

[redacted]
[redacted]: ...because he had been to one or two African Liberations Support Committee meetings that I was at, and one he made a comment that I thought was very intelligent, so I remember it, and I remember him

[redacted]
[redacted]: Okay, so prior to July 8th, 1979 you see Mr. Cauce maybe once am at at that meeting you're referring to?

[redacted]
[redacted]: Uh huh

[redacted]
[redacted]: Okay. Okay ah tell us about the day of July 8th when you arrived there. Did you ah got to the black community to ah Community Center within the black community?

[redacted]
[redacted]: Yes

[redacted]
[redacted]: Okay, and approximately how many people am were at that Community Center just the bla-black Community Center?

[redacted]
[redacted]: Am, (Pause) I don't remember exactly. I think it was about fifty.

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[redacted]
[redacted]: Okay ah...

[redacted]
[redacted]: ...give ot take a few

[redacted]
[redacted]: What race were they predominately?

[redacted]
[redacted]: Black

[redacted]
[redacted]: Okay and they were mostly residents of the China Grove community?

[redacted]
[redacted]: I, I guess so, I mean as far as I knew they were

[redacted]
[redacted]: Okay, did you know anybody from the China Grove community?

[redacted]
[redacted]: Uh uh

[redacted]
[redacted]: Do you know anybody from the China Grove co-community who is an organizer of the activities there that date?

[redacted]: I did not know

Okay. All right. When the group left the black community and went to the Civic Center where the Klan was having their ah recruiting drive approximately how many people to your knowledge walked and/or marched over to the Civic Center?

Ah I'd say roughly there was about a hundred people. I think about roughly half the participants in that were residents of China Grove and the other half were people that had come down having been organized by the Workers Viewpoint Organization, now that does not imply that they were all members nor that I knew all of them.

Uh huh. Okay when you say organized by them are you referring to the people in the community going out and asking people for support against the Klan activity in China Grove?...

Yes, exactly...

(Talks simultaneously) ...and then these people would then gather gather and go down with you or would meet you down there?

Well I forget the arrangements, but ah, yeah when you go around when you went around and when you go around telling people you want a demonstrate against the Klan a lot of people are interested in doing that; a lot of people were interested in doing that then, and a lot of people are still interested in doing that. So yeah because the, everybody ah perceived the Klan as not in their interest.

Okay. The group of people that you were walking with ah did you observe them carrying anything with them, any kind of ah sticks or bats or clubs or placards, anything of that nature?

Yes ah people were carrying signs, am trying to remember what the signs said, but I don't. Am people, some people were carrying sticks, some people were carrying bottles, ah people would grab what they had, ah defensely because ah they wanted to be prepared, they, they weren't going to start a fight, but ah they were going to be in confrontation with the Klan so they, the people were carrying things

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Okay did you see any people, any demonstrators that you were with carrying any kind of firearms?

I don't recall any firearms among the demonstrators at at the ah demonstration and that is at the City Hall or whatever. I don't know if it was the Town Hall or the City Hall or Community Center whatever. I'm calling it all three in different ah am...

(Inaudible)...

...I remember it whatever...

...when you use that term you're talking about where the Klan and Nazis whatever (inaudible)...

Right, right, in the white section of China Grove. Am where I I have a clear recollection that they were arms back in the black community am when we went back that ah after that you know people felt that they had to be prepared in case their community were to be invaded so ah you know people were sporting ah arms defenseley at that point

Okay. When you arrived at the location where the Klan was having their rally, did you observe any members of the Klan ah present? at at the Center there?

Did I observe any members of the Klan?

Uh huh

Yeah there were a few of them.

Okay how were they dressed?

Very funny

Describe what you mean by funny

Well they sort of looked like ah what are those, The Village Boys, that group?

(Inaudible)

The singing group

Pop group?

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[redacted]:

The Village People, yeah

[redacted]:

I'm not familiar with The Village People ah, what do they look like? You're talking about wearing Klan robes ah...

[redacted]:

Yes

[redacted]:

...that type get-up

[redacted]:

One was wearing a robe; one was wearing kind of a Nazi thing with the helmet, looks like the, some of thos Belusi movies that have it, and one was wearing looked like the mayor of a town, almost needed a carnation in his lapel and a pin-striped suit you know and dapper hat, I think, I mean they were all dressed differently. There was this group of four that ah (unintelligible) a poster picture of in fact, therefore, I remember, I sort of remember photographs better than people, but I remember the Nazis standing around with the helmet, I remember a couple of Klan. Some people were dressed more Western style, sort of like I'm dressed you know. They were dressed differently, but there's this one group that really looked freaky

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[redacted]:

Did you see any group wearing a uniform, khaki type uniform with swastika things on their arms and so forth?

[redacted]:

I don't remember that on that day. I remember the helmet though

[redacted]:

Okay. Did you observe the members of the Klan or Nazi group that were gathered there were they carrying any kind of weapons?

[redacted]:

Yeah, some of them were...

[redacted]:

Okay

[redacted]:

...but I can't tell you what kind.

[redacted]:

Ah what were they shoulder weapons, like it's, like shotguns or rifles?

[redacted]:

Some of them were

[redacted]:

Okay did you see any weapons that looked like an automatic weapon, ah that would be a a rifle that would have like a long clip to it or banana clip they call 'em, something like that?

[REDACTED]: I can't tell you for sure

Okay, how about sidearms, such as handguns?
Did you see anybody carrying handguns?

[REDACTED]: I don't remember

Okay. Did you see anybody wearing holsters
and, with guns and holsters things of that nature?

[REDACTED]: I think I did- Ah, but I don't have a real,
I, I, my recollection does not extend beyond that
there were guns, that they did have guns and...

[REDACTED]: Uh huh

[REDACTED]: ...that ah they ran inside the Town Hall there

[REDACTED]: Okay

[REDACTED]: At which point the Confederate flags were burned
too. I left that out.

[REDACTED]: Okay, tell us how that came about.

[REDACTED]: Ammm it came about when, after the ah Klan ran
inside the building and ah people had all this
angry energy built up you know, wanted to do
symbolc action to show what they thought of the
Klan, and so the Confederate flag which has come
in many ways to represent the Klan, although it's
probably not fair to just stick everybody with that,
'cause I know in the south it's sort a you know
means sifferent things to different people, but
for that crowd there that that was ah the Klan
so somebody ah seized the flag and burned it, you
know as a final symbolic act then marched around
(inaudible)

[REDACTED]: Okay before that accident, before that incident
occurred was there any ah shouting going back and
forth between the Klan who were centered there and
the demonstrators who had marched in?

[REDACTED]: Ah yes there was

[REDACTED]: What kind, what was being...

[REDACTED]: Well I mean there were chants, I don't, you know

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Okay. The people who had marched there were chanting. Do you recall what they were chanting?

Ahh 'Death To The Klan', I think, but I'm not sure. Maybe that was only on November 3rd. Jesus, Jesus, Je, Jes, I, I don't remember the chants that day

Okay

(Chuckles)

Was there any comments made by members of the Klan toward the demonstrators?

There probably were, but ah I think they were too scared to say very much

Okay did you hear any kind of racial slurs being made by any members of the Klan or Nazi group there?

Ahh I don't think I was close enough to hear that

Okay where were you in this am group of about a hundred and fifty people or so?

Well I had a camera and I was taking pictures and I was moving around so I could try to get pictures from different angles. Ah so I, most of the time I was not real close to the porch of this building.

Okay so if there was any slurs...

(Clears throat)

...traded back and forth you didn't hear 'em yourself?

Maybe I heard 'em at the time. I don't remember it now

Okay. Were you successful in getting many photographs of what occurred at China Grove?

Ah I shot two rolls of film

And what did you shoot mostly the Klan people and the Nazis in their uniform or the demonstrators or half and half?

Amm (Pause) (sighing) I do not have many shots of the ah Klan and Na-Nazis.

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[redacted]: Okay. Okay after the Klan went inside am you said there was two police officers up on the porch there?

[redacted]: (Coughs) A couple. Yeah

[redacted]: Yeah. Did...

[redacted]: (Coughing)

[redacted]: ...did you hear any conversation between those police officers, any members of the Klan on the porch before they went inside?

[redacted]: Uh uh. No, if I did...

[redacted]: Okay

[redacted]: ...I don't remember

[redacted]: Did you hear any conversations...

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[redacted]: I think they were conferring. I sort of have an image of them talking to one another before the Klan went in the building

[redacted]: Did you have any ah, did you overhear any conversations between the police officers and the demonstrators who were outside the building?

[redacted]: (Pause)

[redacted]: No

[redacted]: Okay. And then you said the incident occurred where a person grabbed the flag, the Confederate flag and burnt it?

[redacted]: Uh huh

[redacted]: Do you know who that was?

[redacted]: I don't know who actually grabbed the flag, ah, but I took a, but at one point [redacted] was ah holding it when somebody was burning it, or he was burning it himself. I don't know if he's the one who grabbed it or not

[redacted]: Okay. And after that happened what took place then?

(Inaudible) (talks simultaneously)

Am to the best of my recollection at that point people just marched around and then went back to the black community

[redacted]: Okay, and you said when you get back to the ah black community in China Grove...

(Coughs)

[redacted]: ...with them did you see any weapons being taken out by any of the demonstrators that you were with?

[redacted]: Yeah the the first time I remember seeing any weapons on on that side of it

[redacted]: Okay and tell me how that occurred. How did that come about?

[redacted]: (Pause) I don't remember

[redacted]: Is there any conversation about the necessity of bringing weapons out for the security of the people that lived there?

[redacted]: There probably was, but I don't remember

[redacted]: Okay. But nothing that you participated in or overheard as far as you can recall now?

[redacted]: No

[redacted]: Okay and what kind of weapons did you see ah the people in the community have ah with with them on that date?

[redacted]: Well some small and some large ah nothing that I could identify. I'm not a weapons expert?

[redacted]: Okay. Shotgun type weapons or rifle type weapons?

[redacted]: I remember seeing a couple of rifle type there. Uh huh.

[redacted]: Okay

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[Redacted]:

(Clears throat)

[Redacted]:

How long did you stay at China Grove ah that night?

[Redacted]:

I personally?

[Redacted]:

Uh huh

[Redacted]:

(Coughs) Several hours.

[Redacted]:

Okay how about your [Redacted]? Did he spend much time there?

[Redacted]:

He stayed as long as I did. We left together.

[Redacted]:

Okay. During the earlier part, during the ah when there was a confrontation between the Klan and the demonstrators, was your [Redacted] ah more forward in the crowd than you were? Would he be more visible to members of the ah Klan that were there? To your knowledge?

[Redacted]:

Yes. He was wearing am, I guess it's a welder's helmet as a protection so it's probably outstanding to that (coughs)

[Redacted]:

Was he in the front line of the group do you know, was he further back where you were? Well I mean certainly...

[Redacted]:

(Talks over) I was, I don't remember from that day, but knowing my [Redacted] he was in the front line

[Redacted]:

Okay. Okay and you both left and came back to Greensboro sometime that evening? Is that correct? That night?

[Redacted]:

Uh huh

[Redacted]:

Okay after that ah what actions were taken ah either by your [Redacted] or by yourself and other...

[Redacted]:

(Coughs)

[Redacted]:

...groups that you associated with regarding further ah anti-Klan demonstrations or education sessions in the ah community?

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[redacted]: (Pause) (Coughs) Well am we wanted to continue educating people about what the Klan represents. We wanted to ah you know not just have angry confrontation. We wanted to really ah expose that it's not just the Klan. The Klan is being funded, it's being promoted by who, you know, and for what reason. So we ah were developing a lot of ah literature along those lines, ah showing relationship between the Klan being promoted and the coming economic crisis, and ah, that was the capitalist class behind the Klan that the government was not stopping, it was in fact promotion it. Am we wanted to have another event that ah where we could basically get into some indepth discussion with people, ah combine educational and organizing ah...

[redacted]: Uh huh

[redacted]: ...efforts. That was November 3rd

[redacted]: Okay tell us when you say we, who you are referring to Am the people who were interested in fighting the Klan, who were close to Workers Viewpoint Organization or in Workers Viewpoint

[redacted]: Yeah. Could you give me the names...

[redacted]: And I was one of them. I was interested (coughs)

[redacted]: Okay. Ah

[redacted]: (Coughs)

[redacted]: You were and your [redacted] James Waller was. Who else by name that you can tell us was involved in this type structure or organization to promote a a a rally in Greensboro November the 3rd, 1979?

[redacted]: Well the people who were doing the trade union organizing who as I said before their interest was not to see the Klan destroy those efforts all right

[redacted]: Okay

[redacted]: People who were fighting racism, who had always fought racism, and fought for the rights of Afro-American people

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[redacted]: Okay would these people include Mr. [redacted]?

[redacted]: Uh huh

[redacted]: Would include Mr. Cauce?

[redacted]: Ahh, yeah

[redacted]: Okay it include Sandra Smith?

[redacted]: Uh huh

[redacted]: And it include Mr. Sampson?

[redacted]: Yeah, it includes...

[redacted]: Ah

[redacted]: ...all the people who were killed.

[redacted]: Okay ah Mr. [redacted], also?

[redacted]: Yes, he, he was a worker, had struggled all his life, ah to make a buck, and he understood ah the truth of what Bill and other people were saying to him

[redacted]: Okay. Ah Mr. [redacted]

[redacted]: I don't know Mr. [redacted] that well, but I assume...

[redacted]: Okay

[redacted]: ...that he was an honest guy who was also interested in it.

[redacted]: Yeah well I'm just trying to identify the people that indicated where ah in the process of developing this rally and...

[redacted]: (Coughs)

[redacted]: ...and marching, education session for November 3rd as compared to those that were just merely attending here on November 3rd 1979. A lot of people came in attendance.

[redacted]: Uh huh

[redacted]: But they did not have the you know responsibility of...

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Uh huh

...organizing and structuring and putting it together. So people, the five who were killed you indicated all participated in ah the development of the November 3rd rally

That's right.

Okay, and that include Dr. Nathan then I assume

(Pause) Ahh I don't know. I don't know ah how much he participated in the development of the November 3rd rally. He was there.

Right.

He definitely was united with the ah dissention of what we were doing.

Okay. Okay tell us what actions that ah you or your husband ah anybody else to your knowledge took in order to promote this rally for November the third. Ahh...

(Pause)

Amm well we developed some some fliers like that one and ah we went around to different communities in Greensboro distributing the fliers and talking to people. Am at different meetings that were going on ah it would be raised that there was gonna be this event and people should participate in it. Ah the people that that he had been doing trade union work with you know workers knew about it

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Uh huh

A lot of people wanted to go to it and then couldn't. The last minute and some reason or other which happens all the time 'cause folks got such such a hard time just dealing with every day problems that ah you know wanna come out to stuff and can't get to it

Okay in the preparation of these ah posters and ah, thank you. We're showing you a am copy of one of the am leaflets which is entitled 'Death To the Klan' on the other side I believe

Uh huh

(Mumbles - unintelligible)

[redacted]: Right

[redacted]: Are you familiar with that...

[redacted]: Uh huh

[redacted]: ...ah poster?

[redacted]: Yes I am

[redacted]: Okay and this this the type poster that was prepared by the ah group within the Workers Viewpoint Organization to promote the ah march and ah conference?

[redacted]: Yes

[redacted]: Okay do you know who basically would be the author of that ah or the designer of that particular poster?

[redacted]: Well I think ah probably several people played a role in it now, I, I played a role in ah designing it ah

[redacted]: Okay and the back side there's a...

[redacted]: And ah the back side of that, okay my [redacted] wrote the back side of that.

[redacted]: (Paper noise)

[redacted]: Thank you. Okay was there a ah other posters that did not have any letter or you know other writing on the back of it also prepared that were placed around the community in Greensboro?

[redacted]: Yeah, there were posters just like that

[redacted]: Okay. Were there any other posters that had a letter on the back look similar to that that was distributed within the community?

[redacted]: Ah at different points there were different ah back sides to that flier

[redacted]: Okay

[redacted]: I believe, 'cause there were several different leaflets and I think some of them might have been you know after you get the spaces (paper noise) started some of them might have been penciled on the back side

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Okay was there ever a ah a letter prepared or a letter type ah leaflet prepared that was distributed in the community and which has been interpreted in the media as being invitation to the Klan to come to the November 3rd rally?

Yes. There was a letter that was ah intended to explain to people what the Klan was about and to help people mobilize against it that has been interpreted in that way and ah that was not ah an invitation to come to the November 3rd rally. What that was was exposing what is the Klan and why people need to organize against it.

Okay. Do you know or do you have any knowledge of any, of a letter of that nature ever being forwarded to any members of the ah Klan or Nazi groups?

No to my knowledge that was never done. Never even thought about

Okay. Okay in addition to the ah leaflets and posters that were ah distributed in the community, you indicated that there was also ah members of your group and yourself would go talk to various people in the community. Is that correct?

Uh huh

Okay. Tell us which communities in Greensboro that you yourself visited and talked with the residents.

(Pause)

I'm just trying to, excuse me for pausing, but I'm really trying to figure out why this question will help you find out who was in the caravan that day that killed those five people. Ah perhaps we could swap and you could tell me which law enforcement officers took the pictures in China Grove and prior to November 3rd showed them to people in Spencer, North Carolina, asking them to identify people?

Okay do you know of an incident where a law enforcement officer in Spencer, North Carolina...

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[redacted]: ...showed photographs?

[redacted]: I know somebody who does.

[redacted]: Okay can you give us his name?

[redacted]: Her first name...

[redacted]: Oh

[redacted]: ...is [redacted]

[redacted]: And she's from Spencer, North Carolina?

[redacted]: Yes. I can find out her last name. I don't, I don't have it in my mind right now

[redacted]: Well if you can find out, we'll see to it that she is made available to the Grand Jury and also interviewed to identify any officer showing photographs of what occurred in China Grove

[redacted]: (Pause)

[redacted]: ('Unintelligible), have you ah spoken yourself with this woman [redacted]?

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[redacted]: Ah I have not spoken with her myself, but I have heard this from somebody who does know her

[redacted]: Can you elaborate ah for us please what you have here regarding an officer showing photographs at China Grove?

[redacted]: Okay further information on this ah may be ahh (Pause) it it may be that [redacted] has the further information on it

[redacted]: Ah for our or purposes now so that you know where we can follow up on this information (Inaudible)

[redacted]: I will try to get the...

[redacted]: What are, I'll agree to find out...

[redacted]: ...full name for you

[redacted]: ...what we can...

[redacted]: Okay

[redacted]: ...and then get back to you on that

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[redacted]: Okay the purpose of my, I'm sorry...

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[redacted]: (Clears throat)

[redacted]: ...the purpose of my question is to who you spoke in the communities is that ah this rally and conference was to help predominately in the black communities of Greensboro and one of the elements of ah any violation of Federal law is that it was done for racist, racist reasons that the Klan came and, therefore, it assist us in knowing if you talked with ah various residents in the black community and if you ah ah encouraged them to come to this demonstration

[redacted]: Yes we did and not only residents in black communities, but ah we talked to white residents and ah to white workers and black workers

[redacted]: Okay. Again could you tell me if you recall what commu-what community districts that you yourself actually wouldn't talk to the residents?

[redacted]: (Pause)

[redacted]: Well we talked to residents ah in Morningside. Am, and again I'm having trouble making the connection between what communities we talked to prior to the rally, and the investigation of ah who came in the caravan on the day of the rally. It would seem that who we are talking to is not what's at issue here

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[redacted]: No mam let me see if I can explain it. Ah part of the element of any criminal offense has to do with the motive of the people (inaudible) the events and there are a number of different Federal statutes

[redacted]: I've already told you we spoke to residents of black communities

[redacted]: I understand that and you also indicated that you spoke with residents in white communities. It was also reported to to establishing the motive under the various Federal statutes that might apply to this, what kind of information is known to the public, and what kind of information was perceived by the members of the Klan-Nazi caravan as well as other people who may have committed violations of

Federal law so that ah that evidence can be considered in showing their motive with their respective groups of motives coming to the demonstration of November 3rd (inaudible). So, it's necessary to know what kind of information was disseminated to the public and part of that public is the communities to whom you and other members of the group spoke, as well as information that was disseminated through public media.

Yeah it was disseminated through public media...

(Clears throat)

...ah I guess, I don't know if there was any coverage before, maybe there was just a tiny little article, am and the fliers were circulated in front of the plant gates ah and in communities

(Pause)

Okay. The speaker, the people that you spoke to in these communities ah did you advise them of the nature of the conference and rally?

Yes we did

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...ah because we were looking forward to having some ah very good speakers, ah some people who had had experience with the Klan, one the black worker who had ah, when he was younger, and the the people in his town drove the Klan out a town ah then Bill Sampson was gonna talk. Dorie who was organizing for the Teamsters was gonna talk. Am so we had a an educational program scheduled for the afternoon of November 3rd, and ah that was the main thing that we were am that was the main ah calling card so to speak for people that we were saying we're gonna march through town and then we were gonna go to this church, and we're gonna have this forum and we have excellent speakers and ah refreshments and so on and so forth. That was how the day was planned.

Okay, and the people that you talked to, was there any apprehension or fear on the part of the am black community that you talked to about any possible violence or confrontation with the Klan coming to Greensboro on November 3rd?

[redacted]:

Well people was, would say things like well be careful ah (pause) there wasn't anything particular.

[redacted]:

Did people express any kind of apprehension as to whether or not they should come because of the possible violence?

[redacted]:

(Pause) I guess people did among other things ah some people expressed an apprehension, some people expressed desire to come interested in it, glad we're doing it ah some people wanted to join us and couldn't, some people said they'd definitely be there. There were different views.

[redacted]:

Okay for how long a period of time did you and other ah the people associated with you visit these communities and talk with people just you know prior to November 3rd?

[redacted]:

Ah for several weeks

[redacted]:

I'm talking about sometime of late October up through ah the early part of November?

[redacted]:

Yeah I guess so

[redacted]:

Okay. Did you ah become aware of the fact...

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This is a continuation of the interview of Mrs. [REDACTED] on April 8th, 1982. Okay. (Clears throat) Were you aware of the fact that am Mr. [REDACTED] was having difficulty obtaining a parade permit from the am City of Greensboro for this rally and conference?

I wasn't, no

Okay, ahhh

Not at the time

Okay, did by November 1st, 1979, ah were you aware of the fact that parade permit had been issued?

Ah I probably was. I don't remember being unaware or aware of that. I wasn't worrying about it.

Okay was there any discussions with Mr. [redacted]
or any other members who were help organizing
this rally and conference about any restrictions
on the parade permit, that was re, set by the
Greensboro Police Department and the City of
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I wasn't aware of that, like I had told you ah
I didn't really know any of the details of the
parade then

Okay. Ah did you attend any news conferences or did you or your [redacted] attend any news conferences from November 1st, up ah November 3rd, the morning of November 3rd, 1979?

No

Okay. Please tell me your with no other form again of your activities say on the on the evening of ah November 2nd nineteen ah 79.

[redacted]: Ahm (clears throat) I was home that evening and people were dropping in and out of my house and preparing for the demonstration the next day. Some people, some women were there sewing some of the uniforms in the Junior Revolutionary Youth League. Ahh my [redacted] was meeting with some people. I don't remember exactly who was in and out. Am at some point, Mr. [redacted] was there and he was concerned about the sound equipment. I don't remember if it was at night or very early the next morning. Ah, so there was a lot of activity at my house the evening prior to November 3rd. My [redacted] and I didn't get to bed 'til very late.

[redacted]: Okay, you said a lot of people came in and out, would they include am Mr. [redacted], ah...

[redacted]: They might, but I don't remember

[redacted]: You don't recall?

[redacted]: No

[redacted]: The name of the people who came in and out? Okay, then please tell us of your activities on the morning of ah November 3rd, 1979

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[redacted]: (Pause) Am well we were up and getting ready and going out ah again there were people in and out who stopped by our place so they'd know where to go, and am I had a bunch of fliers in the trunk of my car. Ahh, I was going to distribute those on route during the march and at the forum that afternoon. Am I wasn't aware of too much specifics because ah other people was doing other things

[redacted]: Okay and what did you do then that morning, did you go to ah Morningside or to the...

[redacted]: Yeah

[redacted]: Okay, and about approximately what time did you go there then?

[redacted]: It was a little, shortly after ten. I don't remember exactly

[redacted]: And how did you go there?

[redacted]: By ah driving my car

[redacted]: Okay. What kind of car did you have that day?

Am I had a Dodge, and I had a Toyota. I, at that time I had a Toyota and a Dodge. Now I have only a Toyota, and I think I drove my Dodge, but I, yes I must have since I had the literature. I drove the Dodge.

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(Clears throat)

(Pause)

[redacted]: Okay. Did your [redacted] ah James go with you on that morning in the same vehicle?

[redacted]: No he did not.

[redacted]: Okay, what time did he arrive at ah Morningside?

[redacted]: I guess he did about the same time I did, but I was not conscious of his whereabouts ah that morning very much

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[redacted]: Okay do you know am how he came then?

[redacted]: I suppose he drove the Toyota

[redacted]: Okay, ah do you know where that vehicle was parked, the Toyota?

[redacted]: I don't remember

[redacted]: Okay and tell us about your activity ah say from about ten o'clock on until ah you first became aware that the Klan vehicles had arrived in the area.

[redacted]: (Pause)

[redacted]: Well am I was in a group of people that was ah it it include a lot of children that was standing there and singing and ah [redacted] had a guitar. Ah and somebody made an effigy of ah Klansmen, and the kids were in their uniform. They were standing around singing. There were some people who came out of their houses from the community and they joined in and am, I remember doing a lot of that quite a while 'cause it was early. Am I wasn't as perceptive as Sandy Smith and didn't notice that there were no police there, and that was very strange. Ahh that

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is mostly what I was doing. At one point some of the press was ah well I had some Workers Viewpoint newspapers, and I was trying to sell some to ah a woman with a a TV station who am wanted me to give it to her and I insisted on being paid for it because I knew she could afford to pay for it (laughing) and if she didn't I would have to pay for it, so we had a little struggle over that and ah I was uppity and didn't give her the paper in the end. She wouldn't buy it. Am that's mostly why I remember that morning until ah a caravan of cars drove in and I still wasn't as perceptive as some other people because I did not realize what was happening before my eyes.

Okay tell me what you recall ah when you first recall a ah a caravan of cars drove in. What brought that to your attention?

Well the people were chanting, well no at the time they drove in, we were just breaking up our groups ah that had been standing around singing and talking because somebody or maybe several people at the same time felt like well we better form our ranks now and start marching out of here. It's about time to get out a here. So we were doing that and ah then people were looking that way and ah started chanting 'Death To The Klan' and already the caravan was proceeding into that community at that point, and I turned to

[redacted] who was either near me or or walked close to me at one point and said 'Is that the klan?' and he ah I don't think he answered me because he was probably busy trying to figure out where to go or what to do. The next thing I remember was a shot ah coming from approximately where this this caravan, the beginning of this caravan, and I don't have a very clear ah recollection of how it got there just that it was going down the street and then there was a shot. Am (Pause) I can tell you the rest of the store if you'd like to hear it...

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Okay just you go...

...but I was not present when the killings were going on

Okay before we go to that ah, did you hear any comments being made from anybody in the car or the car caravans as they were going by towards the demonstrators in the street?

I don't remember ah I might have at the time, but I do not remember now

[redacted]: Okay, to your recollection any racial slurs being ah yelled from the vehicles anything of that nature? You don't have no recollection of that?

[redacted]: I don't have a personal recollection of it, but then I, there's a lot of details that I probably recorded at the moment that I don't recall right now.

[redacted]: Okay

[redacted]: You have any gestures made from ah, made by (inaudible)?

[redacted]: What I remembered right afterward was that I thought I had rec, I thought I recognized somebody in that caravan, ah [redacted], who was a known FBI - I'm sure you guys know him

[redacted]: Excuse me, ha, [redacted]

[redacted]: Yes, [redacted], I thought that I recognized him in the Klan caravan, and some weeks after November 3rd I went down and ah cooperated, not in quotes, but for real, by telling the police that ah they should investigate him cause I think he was there and he should be indicted ah...

[redacted]: Okay, what vehicle do you think you saw Mr...

[redacted]: ...that was never pursued (talks simultaneously)

[redacted]: ...this is Mr. [redacted].

[redacted]: Right

[redacted]: What vehicle did you believe you saw Mr. [redacted] in here? Any recollection of it, was it one of the first vehicles or was it a pickup truck or anything at all?

[redacted]: At the time I recalled enough to tell that to the Greensboro Police Department. At the same time I told my lawyers at the Greensboro Justice Fund who probably have it written down some place. At the moment I don't recall it, but I think that you should ah to investigate this as fully as you say ah as for that and other things from the Greensboro Justice Fund lawyers because I did make my testimony to them when it was fresh in my mind back then as well as the Greensboro Police Department.

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Okay, well Mr. [] and [] can discuss that as far as any discovery that Mr. [] wants to make about it. Okay you said that Mr. [] [] was a known FBI informant. How do you know he was an FBI informant?

[] I read it in the newspaper

[] Do you recall when? Just prior to this incident or...

[] No, some years before and a Klansman

[] Okay. And how did you know what Mr. [] looked like? Is that from the photographs in the newspaper?

[] : Ahh, yeah, principally I think

[] : Okay. Principally and and he have you ever seen Mr. [] personally?

[] Uh huh

[] Okay, and where did you see Mr. [] personally?

[] Am near his house

[] : In Greensboro?

[] Uh huh

[] Okay. And what was the occasion for your to see Mr. []?

[] : Ammm the occasion was that he ah was threatening to kill me

[] : When was that?

[] Back in 1974. Did I give you that material sir?

[] : (Inaudible)

[] Okay. Am at the time I was working with a group that was trying to get out information about the Cuban revolution and I no longer work with them, called the Venzeremos Brigade, although I'm still supportive of the Cuban revolution and am I was engaging in the discussion with Mr. []'s son or somebody who said he was Mr. []'s son.

[] Ah when I left the house Mr. [] followed me and a friend I was with outside and ah threatened

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us at the time. I don't have the exact, I don't remember the exact words. It was something like I'll string you up from the nearest tree or put a hole in your head ah that kind of thing, and at that time he boasted that he worked for the FBI, but that was a few years or at least one or two or maybe even more years between that time and the time it came out in the newspaper that indeed he was an FBI informant at the same time he was a Klansman

[redacted]: Okay. And that's the one occasion that you saw Mr. [redacted]?

[redacted]: Yes

[redacted]: Okay. And you again saw him in the news media, a picture of him in the news media a year or two later?

[redacted]: Right

[redacted]: Okay and you believe one of the people you saw...

[redacted]: Maybe it was three years later, it was a couple of years later

[redacted]: Okay. And you believe one of the people you thought you had recognized...

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[redacted]: Uh huh

[redacted]: ...in the caravan was Mr. [redacted]?

[redacted]: I thought so. I wasn't a hundred percent sure, but it really registered in my mind also because the person I recognized was dressed in a very ah battle way. I remember a very dandyish appearance which I associated with that person the one time I had seen him and I reported all of that to the police

[redacted]: Okay. Okay you said the next recollection you have was that there was a gunshot and that was some somewhere down in the vicinity where the caravan had ah proceeded from the first vehicles. Is that correct?

[redacted]: That's right

[redacted]: Okay, tell us what happened after that

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[redacted]: After that (sighs) ahhh there was a gunshot or maybe there was even two shots real close, and there was a pause after that after that shot or that two shots, during which am I must have been instinctively drawn to run there to see what was going on and protect friends, but I heard Sandy Smith, who was not that far from me, yell 'Take the Children to Safety,' and she was yelling it at me or at a couple of people standing, a couple other adults cause I was right with the crowd of children. So she said 'take the children to safety' or something like that and am I think I still hesitated a moment not knowing which way to run when she repeated it even louder again 'Take the Children to Safety!', and I knew that ah she was you know had a better lever than I was and more involved and I trusted her judgment and perception and ahh at the time just knew I had a do that so it wasn't much time to think. The children started running. I ran after them. My own child was in that crowd, he was bringing up the rear, he was the slowest runner of 'em all. I was running right behind him, and as we were running people opening up their doors to us and just slipping us in so I ended up in somebody's home. I don't know whose home with a bunch of children and a couple other people.

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[redacted]: Okay do you recall if you were running up Carver Street? Is that the street you were running up with the children?

Ahh I don't recall because I, every time I go back there I kind a get blocked out about where I was running, I mean I was right there where everybody else was running but I don't really recall. It seemed like a big open field to me.

[redacted]: Okay, okay what happened after when you got to the houses, had you heard any additional gunfire be-beside those two shots?

[redacted]: Yes, yes

[redacted]: Okay. Tell me about the gunfire you heard then.

[redacted]: As we were running we just heard a lot of shots and ah that's it, we heard a lot of shots, ah after ah I don't know how she got there, but it ended up that [redacted] was in the same ah house I was in and

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after several minutes ah she said to me [redacted] I can't stand the suspense, let's go out and see what's going on,' so am I did. She and I walked out and went back to where we had been. Ah not even beginning to suspect that anybody had been killed I mean hurt even. Am I've never been in a situation even remotely resembling this, and ah I guess I, if I insofar as I had any image at all it was some shots being fired in the air, so when I returned ah this reality was ah just overwhelming. All I could do, it looked like a battlefield with bodies all around, and the first one I saw was Ceasar and I recognized him because I knew what he looked like and ah ah I saw his wife standing over him. Am he was the first one I ran to, and ah I didn't even, I just saw other people lying there, I didn't, I didn't see my [redacted] until a couple of seconds after that and then I saw Jim, I saw [redacted] with [redacted], [redacted] was kneeling over Jim and ah apparently just ah just seconds before I got there (Pause) okay you know the rest, You don't have to ask me that question.

[redacted]

Okay. Do you wanna take a break and you can talk with your client see if she wants to look at the films or not?

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[redacted]

[redacted]

Okay

Okay

(Coughs)

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This is a continuation of the interview of ah Mrs. [redacted] on April 8th, 1982.

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Mrs. [redacted] you indicated previously your statement that ah you were interviewed by the Greensboro Police Department ah sometime not too long after this incident occurred in an attempt to among other things ah point out Mr. [redacted] am did you recall at that time telling them that you were under the impression that Mr. [redacted] had given you the finger when he drove by on ah eleven three seventy-nine?

Okay. (Film) Now (unintelligible) this, this is ah at ten twenty-eight, twenty-one into Channel 11 film. You see the fellow with hair sticking out the window? With the finger pointed? Is that scene familiar to you from that day?

Ahhh I don't know if it's from that day I can't say on the day it took (inaudible)

Okay do you recall on that day anyone making any kind of ah statements when the vehicle passing by about China Grove?

Again I don't rec-recollect it from that day

Okay

I remember seeing women in some of the cars

Okay

And I remember seeing somebody I thought was
[redacted] and...

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Okay

...in what I remember as a white car

All right any vehicle you think that looks similar to that car or any person in any vehicle passing by just let me know what...

Who is that guy pointing his finger?

This individual here?

Yes

I, I don't know if I'm in a position to answer that or not because this is an interview of you ah

Yeah, yeah let's put it this way. If you recognize that person (inaudible) Mrs. [redacted] tell us. Okay why don't you play it forward (inaudible) Tom I think we...

(Talks over) Well do you know who he is?

Yes mam I know who he is

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[redacted]
[redacted]: Why hasn't he been indicted? Why wasn't he indicted?

[redacted]: Ahh

[redacted]: Was he one of the ones who was indicted?

[redacted]: (Pause)

[redacted]: No mam

[redacted]: No

[redacted]: By the State he was not indicted by them

[redacted]: No

[redacted]: No. (Pause) Okay I'm gonna let it go forward again and ah if you again listen to the tape and you can also watch the ah the picture as it clears up

[redacted]: (Film - noisy)

[redacted]: Can you back it up just a little bit so you can have any space comes through it there

[redacted]: Yeah. Okay

[redacted]: (Pause)

[redacted]: (Film voices - noisy - 'China Grove, we'll see ya', we'll see ya')

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[redacted]: Do you recognize that individual now?

[redacted]: Not real sharp, no, and ah not in a definitive way

[redacted]: Okay. Did you hear the comment that was made as the vehicle was passing by?

[redacted]: I, I think I can remember comments they made, but I'm not I don't remember now I heard...

[redacted]: Okay

[redacted]: ...that particular comment being made

[redacted]: Before you proceed, since that car appears to be a white car and it was your impression that you stated earlier that the person you thought was Mr. [redacted] ah was in a white car. Can you tell us now whether it's your impression that that may have been the white car do you know?

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[redacted]: I don't think it was

(Pause)

(Film - Noisy - Chanting 'Death To The Klan')

(Film noise)

[redacted]: It's not all that clear

(Film - chanting 'Death To the Klan')

[redacted]: That guy appears to be loading a gun

(Film noise)

[redacted]: Okay now is that something you recognize in the film or something that you observed that day?

[redacted]: I don't think I observed it that day. Has he been indicted?

[redacted]: Mam, nobody been, nobody has been indicted by the Grand Jury

[redacted]: (Talks over) Oh I know not by the Grand Jury

[redacted]: Ah the Grand Jury is the only thing we (inaudible)

[redacted]: I just think it's it's truly amazing with all this documentation that none of those people were brought to trial in the State trial

[redacted]: Okay

[redacted]: Truly amazing. Go ahead.

[redacted]: This individual, do you recognize him at all?

[redacted]: No

(Inaudible) Okay

(Film - chanting)

(Pause)

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[redacted]: That car

[redacted]: Okay

(Film)

[redacted]: The black car.

[redacted]: Go back. Okay

(Film - changing 'Death to the Klan')

[redacted]: Lemme go back a little bit. You wanna see that car again?

[redacted]: Yeah, those two

(Pause)

(Film - chanting 'Death to the Klan')

(Noisy)

[redacted]: Okay now is anybody in this photograph at 11:05 26. Is anybody there look familiar to you or you believe might be Mr. [redacted]?

[redacted]: No

[redacted]: Okay. I'm gonna run this forward very slowly by hand (Film) This gentlemen in the far right of the screen?

[redacted]: Ahh in the far front of the driver?

[redacted]: Yes in the far right which would in this case would be the driver. It say 11:06 into the film

[redacted]: I don't believe any of those three is.

[redacted]: Okay

(Film - chanting - 'Death to the Klan')

[redacted]: Okay at 11:08 27 into the film, is this the vehicle that ah the white vehicle which you felt Mr. [redacted] might be in?

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
I've, yeah this or another white vehicle

Okay

(Inaudible)

Now let me you ask you this mam before we proceed. You mentioned that ah you recalled seeing some (unintelligible) in one or more of the vehicles in the caravan that day is that right?

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Uh huh

Do you recall if ah the person you thought was Mr. [REDACTED] was in the same vehicle as you knew or another vehicle?

[REDACTED]
I don't recall for sure. But one of the women, when I saw the picture of her later in the newspaper, I recognized who it was. It was [REDACTED] an attractive woman

[REDACTED]
You recognized having seeing her in one of the pictures?

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[REDACTED]
(Talks over) He recognized having seen her that day in this part of a caravan. After I saw her picture, I recognized the picture in the papers that that was she

[REDACTED]
But you don't have any recollection whether Mr. [REDACTED] was in the same car as any of the women might?

[REDACTED]
No

[REDACTED]
(Film - chanting 'Death to the Klan')

[REDACTED]
Okay. Now can you you locate whose in that photograph...

[REDACTED]
Yes I can

[REDACTED]
...of eleven seventeen twenty-seven? in the far right carrying the ah leaflets or papers in your hand?

[REDACTED]
That's right

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[redacted] Okay. And that's Dr. [redacted] immediately over your left?

[redacted] Uh huh

[redacted] And this is Mr. [redacted] with the guitar?

[redacted] Ah I guess so, hard...

[redacted] Okay

[redacted] ...to tell him there

[redacted] And do you...

[redacted] (Tape goes off Side 1)

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Tape 2, Side 2

(Middle of Tape)

Okay do you recognize this gentleman with the ah wood in his arm? Ah black (unintelligible)

I don't recognize the rear view

Okay

I don't know who that is

(Film - chanting 'Death To the Klan')

(Noisy)

Okay now you at this time really that's you over here at at 11:22 15 and you're facing down the street, facing towards Mr. [redacted]. Do you recall the incident and hearing that noise where a a vehicle was struck by a piece of wood?

No. I recall the chants. I recall the shots coming generally that way, from that way

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Okay

(Film)

Okay did you hear a noise in the film, were some those that are shot that you heard on November 3rd '79?

Just now, you mean?

Uh huh

I wasn't paying that much attention. You'll have to back it up

Okay I'll play it back then

(Film)

Turn it up

(Film - chants - 'Death To The Klan').

(Noisy)

[Redacted] Yes

[Redacted] (Film - Noisy)

[Redacted] You said yes. Is that...

[Redacted] Well after...

[Redacted] ...similar to the noise that you thought you heard?

[Redacted] I guess I heard it and then...

[Redacted] Okay just just listen again

[Redacted] (Film)

[Redacted] I can hear it

[Redacted] (Film)

[Redacted] (Pause)

[Redacted] I, I don't make a connection between this, and I heard a shot coming from there

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[Redacted] Uh huh

[Redacted] What I told you. Now I don't know where on the tape that I did

[Redacted] Okay did you see any smoke in the air when you heard the shot?

[Redacted] Ahh I wasn't looking that far down. I was looking right around me

[Redacted] Okay

[Redacted] At the children

[Redacted] (Film - noisy)

[Redacted] Okay. Now this is Carver Street which goes in a northly direction. This is Everitt Street on your screen to the left 'll be west and the right would be the east. Ah you were standing on Everitt Street ah when you were last observed in the films. Do you recall now which way you ran and in which direction you ran?

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[REDACTED] I ran into the community

[REDACTED] Which 'd be, up this direction here toward...

[REDACTED] Right. From...

[REDACTED] ...these housing back in here?

[REDACTED] ...yeah that direction

[REDACTED] Okay. As you were running up the street, and you would have turned left I assume. Do you recall turning left?

[REDACTED] I don't recall turning left or right. Just recall running back into the community

[REDACTED] Okay. Do you recall observing any kind of street confrontation or fight with all these men with two by two's and sticks?

[REDACTED] No...

[REDACTED] ...some

[REDACTED] ...I didn't observe that

[REDACTED] Okay do you recall hearing any kind of...

[REDACTED] I was looking at the children in front of me

[REDACTED] Okay did you hear any kind of noises that ah you could associate with that banging sticks at metal ~~or~~...

[REDACTED] What I, no what I mainly recall hearing was more gunshots after the first shot or two

[REDACTED] Okay. All right we're gonna go play back just a second here

[REDACTED] (Film - noisy)

[REDACTED] Now listen

[REDACTED] (Film - noisy - bam! bam!)

[REDACTED] Now is that the sound that you heard that you thought were two rapid shots?

[REDACTED] Very possible

[REDACTED] Okay and do you recall where you were when you heard those shots now?

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Unknown Male: (Clears throat)

[redacted] Ahh, I was either ah running back or about to run back or just before running back cause I don't...

[redacted]: Okay. Lemme get, lemme...

[redacted]: (Inaudible)

[redacted]: ...draw you a diagram. This will be Carver Street running back into the community go, okay. This is Everitt Street. Okay. This entrance here is the entrance to the administration building. Okay. Now you're somewhere down here at this location and you heard one shot which came down from the vicinity of the front of the caravan and at that time you ran back into the community. Can you just put a little x as to where you think you were in location ah we're talking about relatively a feet, of course, fifty, sixty feet, ah when you heard the two rapid shots go bam! bam! that you just heard on the screen?

[redacted]: (Pause)

[redacted]: If you know.

[redacted]: If you know. If you can recall

[redacted]: I can't recall exactly where I was

[redacted]: Okay

[redacted]: Ahh...

[redacted]: Okay

[redacted]: ...I just keep wondering about this guy who is sticking his head out of the car window and making the very first shots of the day and that he was never indicted and I wonder if you ever intend to bring him up before the Grand Jury

[redacted]: Okay. Okay I understand that and you know we're well aware what's on the film and we've, we've...

[redacted]: Seems to me...

[redacted]: ...heard the shots

[redacted]: ...that you'll get a lot more information out of him even than me because he could tell you about firing those shots and I can't recall...

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Okay

...exactly where I was when those shots were fired

Okay, all right

Okay, now man

Uh huh

We're asking you, we're...

Okay I'm telling you I don't remember the exact spot I was in...

I don't...

Okay

...remember hearing the shots and running with the children after being told by Sandy I should take the children to safety

Okay. Where do you recall that you last observed Sandy and heard Sandy talking to you about going with the children to safety?

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It was, it was probably right after those shots were fired, because right after there was some noise and commotion, and I was aware of her presence around me. I don't know exactly which side of me she was standing on, but I was aware of her voice and her presence around me telling me...

Okay

...to do that

Are you aware of [redacted] being near you at all during the occasion?

Ahh, I don't remember. I just remember that she was with me in the house and then we walked back together

Okay, so you have no recollection of her running near you or in front of you ah during this time that you were running with the children?

I don't, I don't remember ah she was probably near me but I don't think she was near me every second because ah I don't think she was exactly with me when I was running with the children.

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[Redacted]:

Okay, do you...

[Redacted]:

She may have been right behind me. I don't know.

[Redacted]:

Do you have any recollection of ah Sandy Smith being struck by anybody or struck ah...

[Redacted]:

No

[Redacted]:

...with a two by four at this time...

[Redacted]:

Uh uh

[Redacted]:

...that she was talking to you, ah okay

(Pause)

(Film)

[Redacted]:

Okay. Do you desire to go any further in the film?

[Redacted]:

Uh uh, I don't. Do you mam?

[Redacted]:

No

[Redacted]:

Okay

[Redacted]:

I'd like you to ah if you would please look at some photographs and if you recognize any of these persons I ask you to indicate to us who they are. First direct your attention to the photograph labeled L slash 28 to the black gentleman with ah bike helmet on. Do you recognize that person?

[Redacted]:

No

[Redacted]:

Okay. I'd like to direct your attention to the photographs on this page which are labeled A through D and specifically with regards to photos B, C and D. I ask if you recognize any of those persons?

[Redacted]:

(Pause)

[Redacted]:

No I do not

[Redacted]:

Okay, and then again on the page ah, the next two pages actually am photographs E through H and photograph J, I ask you if you recognize any of those persons?

[Redacted]:

(Pause) No I don't. I mean one or two of them I've seen in the video tape that day. I don't know 'em.

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[redacted]: You don't know the names of any of those persons?

[redacted]: Uh uh

[redacted]: Okay. Thank you

[redacted]: Okay in your viewing of the film, is any of the vehicles that we looked at similar to the vehicle that you observed in which you thought Mr. [redacted] was in?

[redacted]: It's possible one of those two white cars was

[redacted]: The two white cars being the black top with the white one

[redacted]: No something like the fourth and fifth car, not those black ones, not the second one but the ah but the fourth one (inaudible)

[redacted]: Okay. Would am, okay, fine. Okay, do you have any questions about the film or anything else Mike that ah?

[redacted]: Am

[redacted]: Listen to your film?

[redacted]: Not, relative to the film, but I have a couple of other questions am (Pause). On November 3rd Mrs. [redacted] other than the persons in the caravan, ah do you recall seeing any people in that community ah ah with weapons?

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[redacted]: No I don't recall seeing any other people in that community with weapons

[redacted]: Did you ever see any black male with a shotgun?

[redacted]: No

[redacted]: Did you yourself bring a weapon, a firearm to the demonstration?

[redacted]: No

[redacted]: To your knowledge, did any of the am persons that were participating in the rally bring a weapon with them to the demonstration?

[redacted]: Ah my [redacted] brought my handgun to the demonstration

[redacted]: Okay, would you describe (inaudible)...

[redacted]: ...and, well it was a .38 Charter Arm, am and I believe that that was the gun that he and (tape difficulty) helping the Klans accuse me for that, had given it to [redacted], ah she returned it to me. That was the only one I was aware of.

[redacted]
[redacted]: To your knowledge, was that weapon loaded when your husband took it on November 3rd?

[redacted]
[redacted]: I have no knowledge of that either way, but I assume it was.

[redacted]
[redacted]: When you ah received that weapon back from Miss [redacted], ah was it still loaded?

[redacted]
[redacted]: I don't recall, that was a long time ago?

[redacted]
[redacted]: How many, you said that's a .38, is that a a .38 revolver?

[redacted]
[redacted]: Uh huh

[redacted]
[redacted]: How many shots will that represent without reloading it?

[redacted]
[redacted]: I believe six

[redacted]
[redacted]: Did ah you have any conversation with Miss [redacted] as to whether she used the gun on that date?

[redacted]
[redacted]: Well I learned that through the media ah eventually. She said she returned it to me and she did.

[redacted]
[redacted]: Did, did you have a conversation with her relative to her using that weapon that day?

[redacted]
[redacted]: I prob, I don't remember to tell you the truth. I think that she said right there at at the demonstration that the Klan fired on us and we fired back to protect ourselves.

[redacted]
[redacted]: When did you buy that gun?

[redacted]
[redacted]: Ahhh, you want me to tell you exactly?

[redacted]
[redacted]: Yes, please.

[redacted]
[redacted]: (Pause)

[redacted]
[redacted]: Am August 9th, 1977.

[redacted]
[redacted]: And where did you buy that from?

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I don't remember

Re-reflecting the piece of paper, that we first looked at? Is that is that a receipt from the purchase?

No, this is a permit for the gun from the ah
Guilford County Sheriff's Department

May I see that? Do you mind?

Uh huh

(Clears throat)

(Pause)

(Coughs)

(Inaudible) dated. (Pause) With your position mam, permission mam, could we make a copy of this? And return it to you?

(Inaudible) see why not. Uh huh.

All right, can we return it to Mr. [redacted]? Ahh we do not have Xeroxing ah facilities right here, but we can make arrangements now for Xeroxing it and returning it to you

There's a, I think there's a machine there.
A (inaudible) machine

There's a machine downstairs where we can spend a quarter and get it Xeroxed right away for you.

Okay (unintelligible)

Before you leave, we'll do it

i'll bet it's goin' come through but the...

It's pretty fair

...form itself you would have a copy of. If we could may we get that copied so she can take it back with her today would be real handy

Why don't we ah, why don't you write down the form number on this (inaudible) Do you still have that weapon mam?

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[redacted]

Ah would you provide that weapon to us?

[redacted]:

I don't have it with me

[redacted]

But I, then you can make it available

[redacted]

I would like to talk with her about that

[redacted]:

Okay, fine. I expect it that you would. Ah we would request the weapon ah as you have indicated Miss [redacted] does make a statement on the video tape that...

(?)

(Clears throat)

[redacted]:

...when the Klan fired at him that she, that that we fired back. There's reason to believe that that weapon ah that was in her possession was fired on that day and ah we would like to have it see what we could do with the ballistics analysis on that

[redacted]:

Do you have an estimate as to how long you would want possession of it? for that test, for the test?

[redacted]:

Well it would be necessary for us to continue until the conclusion of our investigation

[redacted]:

Which is an unspecified period?

[redacted]:

Right

What, if she were to agree to turn over the weapon, what if you did the testing and then returned it back to her?

[redacted]:

Well it would be necessary to maintain the custody of that weapon along with all the other weapons that we still have in our custody ah until the conclusion of our investigation

[redacted]:

What are all the other weapons that you have in your custody?

[redacted]:

We have all the weapons (unintelligible) up to the present that day mam except this one

[redacted]:

Uh huh

(Pause)

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[redacted]: I'm just not sure why, I don't understand why you would need a chain of custody on this weapon if you've got ballistics on it

[redacted]: We need to maintain a chain of custody on all physical weapons

[redacted]: Would be you just wanna hold it so that you can be secure that you'll have possession of it?

[redacted]: Yes

(Pause)

[redacted]: Officer the serial number is a chain of custody is less important (inaudible)?

[redacted]: Right

[redacted]: Is it enough if I give you the serial number?

[redacted]: Well we need actual possession of the weapon at least for a short period of time in order to conduct these ballistics

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[redacted]: Will you supply me with another one to protect myself in the meantime?

[redacted]: I, I don't...

[redacted]: Equivalent

[redacted]: ...I don't think we could do that

[redacted]: Why not? I need something to protect myself. My [redacted] shot down in the street. It could happen to anybody right? Me or anybody else, if they oppose what the Government tells them

[redacted]: Lemme suggest this ah Mr. [redacted] has indicated that he wishes to discuss this issue with you perhaps ah you'd like to to step some place and discuss that with Mr. [redacted] and we can discuss it among ourselves what the various options are for us

[redacted]: Well I would prefer not to make a decision on that today, but talk with other members of our team, but we would probably like to have the the request that you're having a a a sort of middle request is can we borrow the weapon and do some ballistics on it, and return it. She's expressed the need to have the weapon

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[redacted]: Right, I, I understand that (inaudible) Well...

[redacted]: Why don't you do that...

[redacted]: ...why don't you, why don't you...

[redacted]: ...that would be more...

[redacted]: ...discuss it with whomever you want to discuss it ah, and ah give us to a response to that, and ah in the meantime we will ah discuss what the various options are...

(?) (Coughs)

[redacted]: ...then keeping with the integrity of our investigation and our obligations to preserve this weapon and ah see what you can do about it. All right.

[redacted]: Okay. Well see our position be we would want you to make an offer if you will to us ah what you wanna do with the gun

[redacted]: Well I'd prefer the minimum we'd like to have the gun in order to run ballistic test on it

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[redacted]: Okay I, that's again the main thing is in what happens after that, cause that's what I'm saying...

[redacted]: (Talks simultaneously) (unintelligible)

[redacted]: (Unintelligible)

[redacted]: ...if you would let, we would have the gun tomorrow

[redacted]: Okay

[redacted]: So...

[redacted]: That's fine

[redacted]: ...as long as you wanna take time to discuss it with other people...

[redacted]: That's fine

[redacted]: ...rather than conduct that conversation here now and then further delay Miss [redacted]

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[redacted]: That's fine

(Pause)

[redacted]: Other than ah this weapon mam that your [redacted] brought to the scene mam, are you aware of any other peopl that brought weapons or any other person associated with the rally that day that brought weapons to the scene?

[redacted]: I was not aware of it

[redacted]: You're not aware of it on November 3rd?

[redacted]: I was not aware of it on November 3rd, no

[redacted]: Are you now aware of any persons who brought weapons to that scene?

[redacted]: Yes. Ah because in the meantime I've heard that Bill Samson ah who also needed a weapon to defend himself and was a trade union organizer, not against the workers, but against Klan types, ah that he had a gun on him and ah that the fired back in self-defense, so I have heard ah (unintelligible) but I was not even aware of ah ah my [redacted] you know use the, he was at at liberty to ah take my gun so I didn't.

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[redacted]: Is that the only weapon you and your [redacted] have at that time mam?

[redacted]: Ahhh that was the only handgun we owned

[redacted]: I take it from that statement that you also owned either some rifles or some shotguns?

(Pause)

[redacted]: Auuuuu

[redacted]: You wanna talk?

[redacted]: Yeah, I wanna talk a minute here

[redacted]: Excuse us

[redacted]: Yeah we're gonna go off the record just a second

(Noise in tape)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
This is a continuation of the interview of ah Mrs. [REDACTED]

Ah yeah at the time we owned ah a carbine ah rifle I guess you call it that ah a friend had given to my [REDACTED] It was like a World War II relics ah we didn't ah, we never had used it and it was like you know something to hang on the wall

[REDACTED]: To your knowledge did you husband bring that weapon to the scene?

[REDACTED]: Ah no he did not

[REDACTED]: Okay, (Noise) you indi, (puase) (noise in tape)

(Pause)

[REDACTED]: Now you indicated that based on subsequent events or subsequent knowledge to November 3rd that Mr. Samson had a weapon that day. Do you ah have any knowledge, subsequent knowledge of any other person among the rally just those who had a weapon that day were in the community (inaudible)?

[REDACTED]: No I don't

[REDACTED]: Okay (pause) anything else?

[REDACTED]: Just a summary type questions, am, do you have any knowledge directly (noise) or from any source of information ah relative to any involvement of the ah officers of the Greensboro Police Department in the events that took place on November 3rd, 1979?

[REDACTED]: (Pause) Yeah, first of all, I know they weren't there, although we have subsequently found out that they knew everything that was going on leading up to it

[REDACTED]: Okay when you say they, do you have a specific officer that knew everything that was going on that led up to this incident?

[REDACTED]: Yeah, Detective [REDACTED]. Ah again my my knowledge of all these details is not nearly as ah developed as the lawyers of the Greensboro Justice Fund who ahh have researched this much more thoroughly. So I really want to recommend to get at the bottom of that, that they be, that they appear ah before the Grand Jury, and share that detailed knowledge about the ah police department ah actions on that day

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[redacted]: Okay, in addition to that, do you have any knowledge of any involvement of any agents in the United States Department of Justice, the FBI, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms that had any participation in relative to the incident on November 3rd, 1979?

[redacted]: Ahh there are several indications that that kind of thing was going on, and one I mentioned to you is that pictures were being circulated, ah people who were subsequently murdered in between the time of China Grove and November 3rd by law enforcement officials, I took note of the fact that there was a United Racist Front being formed in September of 1979. Ah later on it emerged that an agent of the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, in fact with the firearms department, am was present at that meeting. That was very strange at the time to see Klan and Nazis getting together am I think that my [redacted] was surveilled in his workplace at the treatment plant

[redacted]: What do you...

[redacted]: I think we were spied upon. Ahh one thing that leads me to that, to think that is ah that at the trial, an individual he worked with, who his estimation of the person that it was a very off-the-wall person who like politics, but was coming from some strange places, ah then got up on the stand and told a bunch of lies about what Jim had said that he never said, so I suspect that person. Ah I know from my friends...

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[redacted]: Do you know that person?

[redacted]: Yes, ah [redacted] I believe. I'm not a hundred percent sure, but I think that's who it is

[redacted]: Do you know the names of any persons...

[redacted]: I know the neighbors of mine that the house was broken into my the police some months before November 3rd. Ah supposedly am in pursuit of some some felon ah and and they were also ah ah workers of Cone Mills, they were (inaudible) of the union organizer

[redacted]: (Clears throat) With reference to ah Mr. [redacted] I believe you said his name was (Clears throat) Are there any person who may have been present during conversations between your [redacted] and Miss, Mr. [redacted] about Mr. [redacted] testifying at the State trial?

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[redacted]: It's unlikely because the place he worked at was extremely isolated ah and there weren't many people working there. There were only am two or three people at most that were even on duty at a particular time, that particular shift.

[redacted]: Do, do you have any additional information you wish to furnish in regards to any matter prior to the November 3rd incident ah that day November 3rd or the events after November 3rd, 1979?

[redacted]: Am (clears throat) well I think it's obvious that the people in that film ah who are known to the police should have been indicted at the State trial and should be at ah subpoenaed before the Grand Jury and ah there must have been thirty or forty people in those cars. In addition ah we know that that kind of operation was a planned one, and ah we feel that [redacted] who led the caravan in and who was in contact with the Greensboro Police should be subpoenaed by the Grand Jury, should have been indicted, ah he went around recruiting people to go on that caravan. He admitted that. Ah he admitted it to ah [redacted] who ah wrote the Institute to Southern Studies report. I think those people should ah come before the Grand Jury and tell everything they know, and I think that [redacted] and his superiors should be brought before the Grand Jury and ah they should be made to clarify what their role was, why they joined, why [redacted] joined the Nazi Party in July, why he left Greensboro on November 4th, why the office had burned down, another Nazi's house, Roland Wood and blamed it on the CWP, and why he encouraged them to take firearms November 3rd. what went on at those planning meetings prior to November 3rd. Ah I think there's a lot of rich investigation there for the Grand Jury, ah if they would look into that, and ah everything I'm saying since it is documented in news articles in the Winston-Salem paper, the Greensboro paper, the New York Times and so on, am I think the people will not have any trouble talking to the people who obtained that information whether they be recorders or lawyers am so in the interest of the fullest investigation, I really urge calling before the Grand Jury the Justice Fund lawyers, Government agents, [redacted] ah the connections between this and the Asheville affair and [redacted], another agent, or [redacted] or whatever his name is, that those other people who should be interviewed and should be ah some ah and those people

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people ah will turn out and the facts should be indicted, ah that I would like to see, I would honestly like to see the people who are responsible for my [redacted] s death brought to justice because it is very difficult to live without a man you love, it's very difficult to live without your [redacted] who you've looked forward to living your whole life with, and who you love very much, and ah nobody can compensate you for that loss, so I do want justice and that is why I'm talking to you and ah if you indict [redacted] and [redacted] and the others responsible then I will think that there is some justice.

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[redacted]
Any further questions? Okay that concludes the interview with Mrs. [redacted] and it's 3:05 p.m., April 8th, 1982. Thank you very much.

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Budd Trailer Company
Detective [REDACTED]
1/3/80, 1:40 p.m. in
Martinsville, VA

This writer contacted this subject by telephone on this date and time in an attempt to make an appointment with this witness after finding he was at the scene of the murders in Greensboro on 11/3/79. This writer advised [REDACTED] who he was and that he wanted to meet with him to talk to him. [REDACTED] stated he would not talk to me and he did not know anything about these murders and could not help me in any way. He also stated he might talk to me at a later time, but he still did not know anything about what happened. He admitted he was in Greensboro that day and had driven his van to Greensboro.

He stated on that day, subjects from Martinsville by the names of [REDACTED] and others came with him to [REDACTED] Greensboro. He stated he came to Greensboro because [REDACTED] asked him to. He stated he did not know anything about any type of rally except it was to be an anti-Klan rally at Morningside Homes. He stated he drove to that location, and did not follow anyone to that site. He stated when he and the others arrived, he parked his van on Everitt Street or in that area and walked through the area of Everitt and Carver Street where they were singing and going on, and posting signs on a truck. He stated shortly after that someone yelled the Klan was coming through and he ran. Mr. [REDACTED] stated he did not see any fire or any shooting. He later got into his van and came back to Martinsville, VA with the same people who came down with him. He stated he did not have a weapon in Greensboro that day and did not see any weapons in his van.

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This writer again advised this subject he would like to meet with him in person and would like to photograph his van. He stated he would not meet me in person and would not agree to let me photograph his van. He stated he did not know anything and was not going to talk with me in person at that time, although he might talk to me later if he saw fit.

A short time after this conversation, this writer along with a Martinsville detective and Officer [REDACTED] drove by the subject's house at [REDACTED]. His white van was sitting in the driveway. Photographs were made of this white van from the street without the subject's permission.

[REDACTED], Detective
Criminal Investigation Division

AT/mjt/17.18

1. CRIMINAL NUMBER 79-0145368	2. GREENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT		
3. OFFENSE Assault	4. IDENTIFICATION Gun	5. OFFICE [Redacted]	6. TIME & DATE OF REPORT 11/3/79 1119
7. VICTIM'S ADDRESS [Redacted] Unknown			

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This is a statement taken from Kate Wrenn, address unknown, phone unknown, wife of the victim, b6

Legal Name is: [Redacted] b7c

Mrs. [Redacted] states at approx. 1030, 11/3/79 to 1130, 11/3/79, she was unsure of the time, she was standing on the sidewalk in the 1900 block of Everitt St. She stated approx. five cars came by her location. One station wagon, one white car, and one bronze colored car. She stated the vehicles were moving west on Everitt St. toward Gillespie St. at a slow rate of speed. She stated all the vehicle contained white males, possibly in their thirties to forties. She stated the next thing she heard was what she thought to be firecrackers, but they turned out to be gunshots. She stated the subjects started shooting and she saw a woman get shot beside her. Mrs. [Redacted] stated she dragged the woman from the street to a parked car and stayed behind the parked car until the shooting stopped. When asked if she could identify any of the suspect in the assault, she stated she could not. She stated all the white males did appear to be in their thirties or forties, except for one W/M she saw appeared to be in his late teens or early twenties, wearing a baseball type hat.

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11/3/79

COMPLAINT NUMBER:

79-0145268

OFFENSE:

Assault with a Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious
Physical Injury

VICTIM:

Unknown

ADDRESS:

Unknown

TELEPHONE:

Detective [redacted]

STATEMENT TAKEN BY:

12/21/79

DATE AND TIME:

On this date, this victim, [redacted] along with two C.W.P. workers' attorneys came to the District Attorney's Office. This writer along with District Attorney Mike Schlosser, [redacted] and [redacted] interviewed the subject. This writer advised this victim of his rights and he did on his attorney's advice sign this waiver form. This writer dated this with the District Attorney's Office and the date was 12/21/79 at 2:45 p.m. He stated he understood his rights and did want to tell us what happened, and made the following statement. He stated he was at the rally at Everitt and Carver Streets on 11/3/79, and he had come because it was going to be an anti-Klan rally and he had been told not to bring a weapon, although he would not state who told him this. He stated he had been shot with buckshot through the right shoulder and in the top of the head going straight down. He stated he had been shot when he bent over to help Nathan who had been shot. He stated when he bent down, that's when he was shot in the top of the head and in the shoulder with buckshot. He did not see who shot him. He also said that he saw a male fire a long pistol out of the window of a pickup truck on the right side of the pickup truck. He stated this was the first shot that he saw or heard on that date. He also stated he thought this was the first vehicle in the Klan caravan. He stated just before this shot occurred, a group of people had come by in cars and started calling his group "nigger lovers" and things of this nature. He then stated after the shot, he saw some of his friends in a fight near the intersection of Carver and Everitt Street in the northeast corner in the grass and he ran over to help them, and someone rushed him on top of a man that he did not know who had a shotgun. He stated the man was holding the shotgun with both hands and was on the ground holding it to his chest. He stated it was a riot type shotgun with a long stock like thing under the barrel. He said he could identify this gun if he saw it again. He also said the only two guns he saw that day was the pistol that he had seen fired out of the window of the truck by one of the Klansmen and the shotgun that he saw the man with that he was lying on top of. He stated everything else happened so fast that he did not see any other shooting and he did not know who shot him except that he felt like that the man he had been on top of was the one who shot him.

A number of photographs of the Klan people that were arrested were shown to this man and also the guns that were taken from the van. He stated he could not identify any of the Klansmen although he did recognize Roland Wood and Milano Caudle. He stated the only reason he recognized these two people were from photographs that he had seen in a Salisbury, North Carolina paper identifying them and he could not identify them as being at the scene of the shooting. He

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also stated the riot type shotgun he saw the guy with and that he identified from these photographs of guns, looked to be the one that he saw Milano Caudle holding.

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[redacted] Detective
Criminal Investigation Division

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GREENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

STATEMENT OF RIGHTS:

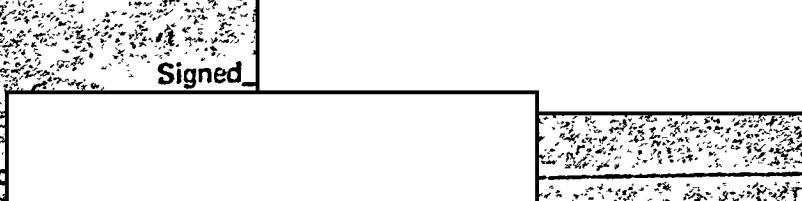
Before asking you any questions, we want to advise you of your rights and determine that you understand fully what your rights are.

1. You have a right to remain silent.
2. Whatever you say can and will be used as evidence against you in a court of law.
3. You have a right to consult a lawyer and to have a lawyer present with you while you are being questioned.
4. If you want a lawyer but are unable to afford one, a lawyer will be appointed to represent you before any questioning if you wish.
5. You may decide now or at any subsequent time to exercise these rights and not answer any questions or make any statement.

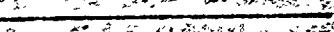
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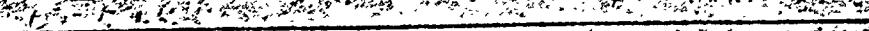
WAIVER OF RIGHTS:

I have read the above statement of my rights and have also had my rights explained to me by a police officer. Knowing these rights, I do not want a lawyer at this time. I waive these rights knowingly and willingly agree to answer questions and/or make a statement.

Signed: 

Interviewing Officer: 

Witness: 

Place: 

Date: 13.2.79

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Time: 21.45 P.M.

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GREENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT
CASE REPORT

1 CIVIL NUMBER	2 OFFENSE	3 CLASSIFICATION	4 OFFICER	5 BADGE & ASSIGNMENT
6 LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE	7 TIME & DATE OCCURRED	8 TIME & DATE REPORTED	9 TYPE OF OFFICERS	
10 VICTIM	11 VICTIM'S ADDRESS		12 PHONE	
13 SEX/DESCENT/AGE	14 BUSINESS ADDRESS		15 PHONE	
16 REPORTED BY	17 ADDRESS		18 PHONE	
19 PERSON/PROPERTY ATTACKED	20 HOW ATTACKED			
21 EXTENT OF INJURY/VALUE OF PROPERTY	22 TYPE OF INJURY RECEIVED/PROPERTY INVOLVED			
23 PERSON(S) ARRESTED	24 ADDRESS		25 CHARGE	

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6-1-17
COMPANT NUMBER

74-0145308

GREENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

OFFENSE Criminal Homicide	3 CLASSIFICATION Murder	4 OFFICER [Redacted]	5 TIME & DATE OF REPORT 1625 7/9/80
IM N/A	7 VICTIM'S ADDRESS N/A		

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On 11/3/79, while investigating the Nazi/Klan/C.P shooting at Everitt and Carver Dr., I was dispatched to Cone Hospital to do some of the follow-up work on the investigation. After thinking I had completed my investigation at Cone Hospital, I then went to the Guilford County Ambulance Service located at Headquarters and 29 where I knew they had set up a temporary morgue for the bodies of the victims of the shootout. There, I contacted Detective [Redacted] who asked me at that time whether I had collected the clothes from [Redacted] & Nathan. I advised him that I had not. At which time he sent me back to Cone Hospital along with Detective [Redacted] to collect the clothes.

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Upon our arrival at Cone Hospital, we were told the clothes had been given to Ms. [Redacted] and Ms. [Redacted]. We located both Ms. [Redacted] and Ms. [Redacted] in the waiting room outside of the Intensive Care ward at Cone Hospital. There lying on the floor were two sealed-plastic bags containing the clothes of [Redacted] and Nathan. Detective [Redacted] told Ms. [Redacted] and Ms. [Redacted] that we needed to collect the clothes as evidence. At first, they were reluctant to do so but on the advice of their attorney, who was present at the time in the waiting room, they consented to give us the two sealed garbage bags containing the clothes; at which time, Detective [Redacted] took one and I took one and left the hospital with them. I then took both bags of clothes myself and transported them to the P.D. Lab where they were turned over to S.I. [Redacted] who dried the clothes, marked them, and turned them in as evidence.

L/lfh/29

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4:09-4:41p

VICTIM - CHAIN OF CUSTODY

1. Found at scene of Everitt and Carver.
2. Carried to Cone Hospital in ambulance.
 - a. Victim [REDACTED] and two unknown (uninjured) persons also rode in ambulance.
 - b. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (EMS).
 - c. EMS Unit 358.
3. Treated at Cone Hospital by Dr. [REDACTED]
 - a. One pellet removed from head.
 - b. One fragment removed from right arm.
 - c. Dr. [REDACTED] gave pellets to Nurse [REDACTED]
 - d. Nurse [REDACTED] gave pellets to Patrolman [REDACTED]
4. Clothing removed from Wrenn by [REDACTED] and given to Patrolman [REDACTED] who later turned same in as evidence on Card 43.
 - a. Item 8 on Evidence Card 43 is 26¢ in change which is received by F.E.I. and listed under "Other Submitted Items." (No "Q" # give).
5. Patrolman [REDACTED] returns to Police Department and turns two pellets in as evidence (see Evidence Card 17, Items 1 and 2).
6. Items on Evidence Card 17 are taken to F.B.I. Lab by Identification Specialist [REDACTED] on 11-19-79 for examination.
 - a. See letter of transmittal dated 11-19-80, Items 56 and 57.
 - b. Also items on Card 43.
7. F.B.I. Lab received items on 11-19-79, see letter dated 12-19-79.
 - a. F.B.I. Lab numbers are assigned to items:

ITEM	EVID./ITEM CARD/NUMBER	L.O.T.	ITEM NUMBER	F.B.I. NUMBERS
Pellet	17/1	56		Q-195
Fragment	17/2	57		Q-196
Clothing	/1 thru 7& 43/9 thru 11	31		Q-166 thru Q-177

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MR.

This is an interview with Mr. [redacted] on April 15, 1982 at Durham, North Carolina. The time is 3:40 P.M. My name is [redacted]. I'm an attorney with the Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice. Would you please identify yourself for the record?

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KEN MCCALLISTER, United States Attorney for the
Middle District of North Carolina.

Bureau of Investigation, Special Agent, Federal
Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.

[Redacted] Attorney, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice.

And I'm

Mr. [redacted] where are you presently residing?

Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

And do you have a specific address in Rocky Mount?

How long have you resided at that location?

Two years, two and a half years, since January 1980.

Are you currently employed?

Yes, I am.

Where are you currently employed sir?

At the Allied Maintenance Company.

In November, 1979 where were you residing?

806 North Gregson Street, in Durham, that's Apartment 9.

[redacted]: How long had you resided at that location?

[redacted]
Uh, since about 19, since January of 1975.

[redacted]
Where were you employed in November 1979?

[redacted]
With the American Red Cross in November now?

[redacted]
Yes sir.

[redacted]
I thought you said January.

[redacted]
Well, I meant November if I said January. Were you residing at the Gregson Street address in November, 1979?

[redacted]
Right, well up to November, right. And I was employed at the, with the American Red Cross Blood Mobile, Durham Center.

[redacted]
How long had you been employed with them?

[redacted]
Since January, since the first of January of 1979.

[redacted]
Now, in your employment with the American Red Cross, were you involved in any kind of union activities or a member of any union?

[redacted]
Uhm, not with my employment with the Red Cross, but while I was employed with the Red Cross, I was active as an acting business representative for Local 465 of the International Union of Operating Engineers, that was a temporary position which I had been acting in since about the middle of '78.

[redacted]
And what were your responsibilities in that position?

[redacted]
Uhm, I was responsible for employee groups at Durham Housing Authority in Durham, and members of the union at the Carolina Aluminum Company in Winton, North Carolina.

[redacted]
And you said that you began that in that position sometime in 1978?

[redacted]
Right.

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How long did you continue in that position?

Uh, until March of 1979.

Okay, and what was the reason for your terminating in that position?

Well, they hired a full-time representative. I was just a temporary because I didn't, I had been fired at Duke in the union I was in the workmen's capacity after I was from '78 until well until they hired a full-time representative.

When were you fired from Duke?

1977, November, 1977.

Did that have anything to do with your union activities, your termination of your employment?

Sure, I believe it did. The union believed it did.

Could you tell us about that please?

Well, I started to work at Duke University at the in the [redacted] and, uh, [redacted] uhm, I was elected a [redacted] which was Local 465 of the Operating Engineers. I continued to, uhm, act in that capacity for three years, well for most of three years. For a period of time I was not a [redacted] I was active in the labor movement at [redacted] in general in terms of, uh, Local 77 and the hospital organizing drive and Local 465, all three sort of separate constituencies and together, you know, there was a movement at [redacted] consistent of those three constituencies.

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Okay, and how did that result in your being terminated?

Uhm, I had filed a number of grievances. I was active in filing grievances on behalf of workers in the Heating Plant, and, uh, well, it gets more complicated, uh, and we were in constant conflict with the management at Duke University, the Physical Plant Manager in particular was very

anti-union. Uhm, they had wanted a union that was pretty much go along with what they wanted and there were a lot of violations of contract, a lot of violations of equal opportunity, EEOC type, civil rights type violations. Uhm, I was involved in one particular grievance where I filed on behalf of a co-worker, and I was told by my supervisor that there was no racial discrimination at Duke and that if I alleged again that he would fire me. Uhm, subsequent to that, it was certainly some time after that, that I was fired. It was on a technicality which I think they took advantage of. I was ten minutes late.

They claimed you violated your contract? Is that right? Is that what you're saying? By showing up late for work?

They claimed I was late for work and I had allegedly falsified my time card. In fact I hadn't falsified my time card according to the standard practice that they were, everyone else was using. That was it.

But you feel you feel and apparently your union felt that they really fired you, used this technicality to fire you because of your strong union activities as a shop steward? Is that correct?

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And in particular, you pointed to your filing a grievance dealing with racial discrimination, as being something that they were particularly concerned about, is that right?

Uh huh.

All that was in 1977, if I understood you correctly?

Right, the EEOC stuff, right.

And from that time on you continued to be active in your union even though you were not employed

as an Operating Engineer at that time, is that right?

Right. Uhm, right.

Okay, during were you involved in any of the attempts to organize other employees at Duke University that occurred in 1978 and 1979?

Only in a supportive capacity. Uhm, we were active in, I was active in why I support from my union to support the organizing drive in the hospital as well as support Local 77. Uhm, you may know the situation at Duke is there are two basic unions on the campus side which Local 77 is predominantly black, and Local 465 is predominantly white. Uhm, and, uh, that's a historical problem because of the Klan influence in the, among the Maintenance Workers formerly. Uhm, so I, one of my main things that I did as a shop steward because in the Heating Plan it was the only department within Local 465 that was 50% black, 50% white. Uhm, and our department was very active, not just myself, but the whole department was very active in supporting joint activities of Local 77 and joint activities with the hospital drive, trying to build that kind of unity across Duke, and, uh, this is one of the things that, uh, there were some people in the union that were opposed to this, that thought that we should just stick with 465 be a white union essentially. Uhm, and uhm, Duke wanted this, they were very against any kind of joint activities, so uhm...

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You in particular were associated a lot with trying to get these two unions together, in other words to integrate the two unions.

Right, to work together, because, quite obviously, as long as they had those two unions split, it was, it was hard for us to accomplish anything out there. Uhm, because they can use one union against the other. Also in the organizing drive, uhm, when Local 77 tried to organize the hospital, uhm, well I'd say, I believe it was Duke management inspired an attempt by some people in Local 465 to, uh, to organize

opposition to Local 77 organizing the hospital for the purpose of trying to get into Local 465. Uhm, there was an awful lot of internal, what should we say, I guess you might say attempts to confuse the situation. Uhm, and the rivalry between the two unions was a point at, uh, it was blocking the hospital from getting organized. It was confusing enough people, so that people would not vote for AFSCME in their drive because they were convinced that, uh, from some people in 465 that they should vote against the union or this union would not be for secretary, this union was only for housekeepers, this union was only for, uhm, maintenance workers or what have you. I don't know if I'm clear but, there's a lot of confusion because of the two unions and the way Duke manipulated those two unions, and it was basically a racial issue.

In essence, the unions ended up opposing one another from time to time which, uh, destroyed if I understand you correctly, the union helped fight against one another to keep the other union from becoming the bargaining agent for certain employees, is that...

I wouldn't say the union but I would say there was certain forces in the union that, uhm, they were there was certain leadership in the union that was, uhm, that was doing this and, uh, I was active in opposing that leadership along with a lot of other people in the union, and, uh, there was a number of us in Local 465 that wanted unity and were working very hard to build broad unity among all the labor organizations at Duke.

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In addition to those union activities, were you associated with or a member of any politically active group during this time?

With the Progressive Labor Party.

Okay, were you associated with or a member of the WVO in 1979?

No, I was, well, in 1979?

Yes.

I was not a member but I've gone, I had quit the Progressive Labor Party in 1977, and I had done some work with the WVO but I was not a member.

Okay, in your work with the WVO, did they also work with you in your union activities?

Uhm, yeah, well, you have to be more specific, I mean, did they, did they work with me in my union activities?

Did they participate in this effort to unify the unions?

Right, right, they were active at Duke, not in my particular union, but in, uh, hospital organizing drive, and they were supportive of when I got fired.

Who were some of the people that you knew to be associated with WVO in 1979 that participated in this union activity that you have been describing?

Uh, CESAR CAUCE, [redacted], uhm, they were the main people at WVO. Now we had this organization on campus was the Duke Workers Organizing Committee, which was something that they were working with, was a lot broader than WVO, and that encompasses a lot of people from all three unions, and I was active in that.

Is that, that organizing committee include some people who subsequently involved, were involved in a demonstration November 3 in Greensboro?

Oh yeah.

Who were some of those people?

he was in my union, 465. CESAR and, uh, I can't recall anybody else. There was probably other people there, but I can't recall from Duke.

Okay, is there anything else about your union activities or union involvement that you think is

relevant to the November 3 incident?

Uh, subsequent to, uh, well, from about 1978 on, I was participating in the Trade Union Education League which was something that WVO had sparked or helped organize, and we were involved in a lot of strike support work around the state.

Such as?

Uhm, the Hall River Strike in 1978. Uhm in 1979 there was, let me see, go back, '78. Okay, I, let's go back. Your question was how my Trade Union activity as how it related to November 3?

Right.

Not any more specific, your last question was you said TUEL did support work.

Right, and my involvement with that was the support in the Hall River strike there was a number of, let's see, there was some little things. I think there was a strike in, uh, Pittsboro, North Carolina, I think in '79, it was [redacted] that uh, I assisted in advising some workers down there. Uhm, but in terms of my union activity, I mean there was other things to it. We're sort of skipping around here and it's not very chronological.

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Well, what I was trying to concentrate on right now is that through your union activity you were associated with attempts to integrate or unify both black and white workers, is that correct?

Right.

And what I'm searching for perhaps inadvertently here, is what you yourself were involved in in that effort that related to union activities prior to November 3, 1979.

Okay, uhm, well as I said, I worked at Duke until '77. After I was fired from Duke I continued to work with the union at Duke, uhm, through the mid part of that year, of '78. Uhm, in 1978 the union had a strike at Trader Chevrolet in Greensboro,

North Carolina and I was asked by the Business Representative to come to help out with that strike for three months since I was out of work. I did that from July through September. That was a group of white, mostly white mechanics, Chevrolet mechanics from Greensboro. Uhm, after that I, uh, I was given the position of Active Business Representative and the duties I described in Winton, North Carolina and Durham. I was involved in filing grievances, training shop stewards, uh. I won a case at Durham Housing Authority where four people were put back to work with back pay. They had been out, they were fired. I proved they were fired illegally or unjustly and they went back to work. In Winton, North Carolina, I was involved with, uhm, that's a almost all black union up there. Uh, I was involved in training them, training shop stewards, then the subsequent to, ah shit, I don't want to say subsequent to, that's an easy word for these kind of answers. In February 1979 the Newport News Shipyard Union steel workers were on strike, and a lot of the shipyard workers lived in the Hoskey-Winton area, and I was active in helping the locals there in Winton organize support activities for the Newport News Shipyard Workers. And I said at that time I got a job with the Red Cross and then they hired someone else to full-time Business Representative. After that time in '79 I continued to work with the Trade Union Educational League in various, like I say, I can't remember offhand what, uh, in the year '79 except for going down to Pittsboro during that period.

Okay, in your work concerning the Hall River strike, did you become acquainted with JIM WALLER?

Yes, I did.

Okay, and is that how you became acquainted with him?

Uh, yes, I didn't know him up to that point.

Okay, was he also involved in the Trade Union Educational League?

Yes, he was.

And did you become acquainted with [redacted]
in any way?

Uh, yeah. I personally met [redacted] I believe it was in 1977 during a, some activities around this Local 77 contract negotiations at Duke. There was some rallies I think that's when I first met him. But I met him but I didn't really know him until later on.

Now, in 1979 in particular, did you become involved in some anti-Klan demonstrations or activities?

Yes.

How?

Uhm, well in '79 there was a lot of concern among a lot of people that the Klan was on the upsurge, a lot of publicity about it. This had been going on for about a year or two and, uh, in May of '79 there was an incident in Decatur, Alabama where, uhm, the Klan shot at a Civil Rights march. There was a shooting there, okay? There was an awaking to people and my awareness to what was going on, you know. And then there was the China Grove, I guess that's what you want to talk about.

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Well, is that the next thing that you became involved in?

Well, that's the first act, I wasn't involved in Decatur, but I was involved in China Grove, because I went to China Grove and I heard about it through [redacted] I guess it was [redacted]

But you were aware of the Decatur incident?

Right. I was aware of Klan activity in general. Because when I worked at Duke, the Business Representative of our union was sort of famous, ex-Klansman, [redacted]. And I learned from him a lot about the workings of the Klan and, uh, the danger of representing a labor group.

Is that what motivated you to become involved in

anti-Klan activity?

[redacted]
That was, it was part of it. I knew that I could see what it was doing right there in my union that we were involved in and I knew that the Klan had had a former influence on the white workers in the Maintenance Department and so I don't know if any of them, they were, well, they probably were Klan members at one time. I don't know who was a Klan member, the Klan influence. So it was that influence was what was helping Duke split these unions up. So...

[redacted]
So you indicated that you became aware of something occurring in China Grove involving the Klans through [redacted] is that correct?

[redacted]
Right.

[redacted]
Do you recall approximately when you became aware of that?

[redacted]
It was about a week prior to the event.

[redacted]
Okay, what was your understanding of what the Klan was going to do in China Grove?

[redacted]
Well, my understanding was the Klan had come to, had gotten permission from the China Grove Town Council to hold an organizing rally and film showing at China Grove Community Center. Uhm, and that the black community organization in China Grove which I forget what, if it had a name, was concerned about this and it contacted I think [redacted], uhm, to ask for some help in organizing some protest. So, uh, from my understanding, people from Greensboro, [redacted], and others went down to China Grove and met with the people there to plan out what they would do about the Klan having a rally in the Town Hall, the Town Community Center.

[redacted]
Prior to July 8, 1979, when the Klan showing of the film "Birth of a Nation" occurred, and your anti-Klan demonstration occurred, did you go to China Grove?

[redacted]
No.

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[redacted] When you talked to [redacted] about what was going to occur in China Grove, what did he say to you?

[redacted] Uhm, the people they had planned to march to the community center and to protest the Klan using that hall. Uhm, and having their organizing rally up there. Uhm, on city property.

[redacted] And did he ask you to attend?

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] And you agreed to attend?

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] Did you recruit other people to attend?

[redacted] No. Not that I know of. No.

[redacted] Okay, did you participate in any of the plans or logistics concerning the anti-Klan demonstration that day?

[redacted] No, I just went along and participated.

[redacted] Okay, and who did you go with?

[redacted] I believe I rode with MIKE NATHAN.

[redacted] Anybody else?

[redacted] Well, my [redacted] And uh, there was, I forgot, I believe we rode in MIKE's station wagon. There was probably four people. Probably [redacted] [redacted] was riding along too in that car.

[redacted] Do you recall what time of the day you arrived in China Grove?

[redacted] Uhm, let's see, it was before noon I believe, about 11 o'clock.

[redacted] When you got to China Grove where did you go?

[redacted] We went to the black community center which I believe was West Side Community Center, something like that.

[redacted]: What occurred at that location?

People were rallied, more or less got prepared to march uptown. Uhm, there were some speeches by the local leader of the black community [redacted] there. I don't know his name and by [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]: And then you proceeded to march from the West Side Community Center to the Recreation Center is that correct?

[redacted]: Right.

[redacted]: Okay, and during the march, what if anything did you take with you?

[redacted]: Nothing, except myself.

[redacted]: Did you have any kind of weapon, stick, placard or anything of that nature?

[redacted]: Not that I can recall.

[redacted]: Okay, did you see other people with any of those things?

[redacted]: Yeah, there was people with sticks and placards and I guess some had some I guess you'd say pipes or some kind of, and maybe a baseball bat or stick.

[redacted]: Did you see anybody among the marchers that you were marching with with firearms at that time?

[redacted]: No.

[redacted]: Approximately how many people participated in this march?

[redacted]: There was over a hundred.

[redacted]: And predominantly were they black people?

[redacted]: Yes, I'd say 60 of them, at least 60 of them were local China Grove people and the other maybe 35 or 40 were from either Durham, Greensboro or Charlotte.

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[REDACTED]

Now when you marched to the Recreation Center, where in the group of people who were marching were you located, front, middle, back?

[REDACTED]

I believe I was in the middle.

[REDACTED]

Did you have any kind of helmet or hardhat?

[REDACTED]

Uhm, I can't remember. I usually wear a hard hat when I go to things like this. Uhm...

[REDACTED]

Why?

[REDACTED]

Why? Just a, well, I guess it's from the days when I was a construction worker and I always liked to have pride in the fact that I was a construction worker going to these demonstrations. So I always wore a hard hat ever since. Of course, you never know what might happen at one of these things.

[REDACTED]

Okay, when you got to the Recreation Center, what did you see?

[REDACTED]

Uhm, when we came up and I forgot what the street's called, we came up the street and we turned at that and it was a block from the Community Center, we turned left and we saw a group of Klansmen at the corner on the grass with guns, about six of them. This was the first indication we had had or that I had had that they were armed, you know, and I didn't really expect it because they hadn't, in the activities in Winston-Salem and all there was no evidence of them being armed, so, uhm, the marchers marched toward them.

[REDACTED]

This is a continuation of the interview with [REDACTED] on April 15, 1982. Mr. [REDACTED] when we ran out of tape you were mentioning that the marchers marched towards these six or so persons you saw with arms. Would you continue please?

[REDACTED]

Uhm, when the marchers, when the front line of the march got to the Klansmen they retreated onto the porch of the community center, and at that time they were joined by a number of other Klansmen with weapons. Uhm, and the marchers

[redacted]
proceeded right up on the lawn up to the edge of the porch.

[redacted]
What kind of weapons did you observe at that time?

[redacted]
Shotguns, some rifles that you could either AR15 or basically something like that.

[redacted]
Semi-automatic type weapon?

[redacted]
Right.

[redacted]
Any other kinds of weapons?

[redacted]
Uhm, there may have been some pistols, I can't remember; I just remember the shotguns and rifles. There was about a dozen at least.

[redacted]
How were the people that were on the porch-dressed?

[redacted]
Uh, T-shirts. Some of them with T-shirts with the Klan, with the flag, Confederate flag. There were a couple of Klan security guards in uniform. [redacted] who supposedly is the [redacted] was in a pin stripe suit.

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[redacted]
Did you see any Klansmen in robes?

[redacted]
No, I don't think I did. Uhm, I can't remember anyone in robes.

[redacted]
Did you see any persons other than the Klan security people dressed in some type of military outfits?

[redacted]
Well, I think I remember RAEFORD CAUDLE who I later determined was RAEFORD CAUDLE, had one of the Marine Corps fatigue caps on and that's the only kind of military. I can't remember.

[redacted]
Did you see anybody there with arm bands with swastikas on them?

[redacted]
No arm bands, maybe some T-shirts with swastikas, T-shirts with white power, written on the T-shirt. But there were no arm bands that I can remember.

Did you associate any of the people who were on the porch with the Nazi party as opposed to the Klan?

Not at the time. I noticed the swastika but I assumed that was just part of the sort of paraphernalia of the racist movement. I didn't think, I didn't realize that any of those members were Nazis until later. I assumed they was all part of the Confederate Knights, the Ku Klux Klan under [redacted].

When you say that later you made an association between some of the people you saw at China Grove and the Nazi Party, when was that?

[redacted]: Oh, uh, let me, I can't quite remember.

[redacted] Well, let me help by this question. Was that before or after November 3, 1979?

[redacted] I believe it was before. I believe it was, I do remember this. Well there was an article in Winston-Salem Journal, you know, about October, a large spread on ROLAND WAYNE WOOD and I can't remember whether at that time I placed him, I recognized him as being China Grove or not, but I was aware that he was the Nazis were active, even in Winston-Salem. Up to that point that I only heard the Nazi Party in Raleigh under [redacted]. I didn't know they had branches, but this article in September indicated that they, there were Nazi chapters in several places around North Carolina.

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[redacted] Now you mentioned that when you were marching to the Recreation Center and you saw these Klansmen armed with firearms, that it surprised you because that had not been your association from Winston-Salem. Can you explain what you mean by that?

[redacted] Okay, from the papers there was a lot of Klan activity in Winston-Salem and they had, there was two or three Klan groups in Winston-Salem from what I could get from the newspapers, and they had been in this, uh, trying to show this film in various places in Winston-Salem Public

Library and whatever. Uh, there was the incident which I did not attend but I saw on television where the NAACP and various groups came out and tried to stop the Klan from having an exhibition at the Winston-Salem Public Library.

Do you recall when that was?

That was in the spring of 1979, that was April, May, I forget, of '79, and, uh, they were doing a number of a lot of activities and this was the same group, well I thought, it apparently was the same group, seeing there was two or three, two groups in Winston-Salem that was trying to show this film. So, . . .

Which film was that?

"Birth of a Nation". So there had been no, as far as you could see on television and news reports they weren't armed with shotguns at the Winston-Salem Public Library. So, . . .

Okay, going back then to China Grove and the march on China Grove, when you arrived at the Recreation Center, what did you and the other marchers do?

Marchers, the whole crowd went to the edge of the porch and began chanting slogans, anti-Klan slogans or slogans Klan go, uh, I can't remember what the slogans were. They were basically the Klan to get out of town. And Black and White Unite, and that sort of thing.

Do you recall any of the sayings that were on the placards that you carried, that you with the marchers carried that day?

No, I can't recall.

When you arrived at the Recreation Center and were chanting the slogans, what if anything do you recall being said by the Klansmen that were on the porch, directed towards the marchers?

Oh they were shouting, but I couldn't hear. We were drowning them out. Uh, they were, I couldn't

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hear what they were saying. They were cussing and giving everybody the finger and that sort of thing, trying to egg us on I reckon, but, uh, it was a standoff.

Well, how close did you get to the porch yourself?

Ten feet, I don't know.

You say that you thought some of the Klan members were trying to egg you on? Do you have any specific instances of conduct by them, or things said by them that indicates that they were trying to egg you on?

No, just come on, come on, you know.

Do you associate that with any particular person among the Klan?

No, no.

Okay, did you recognize anybody there at China Grove whose name you later learned?

RAEFORD CAUDLE and and

Okay, were you acquainted with those persons or did you know who they were prior to China Grove?

No.

So, all of them you learned their identify after China Grove. is that right?

Right.

Did you learn their identity prior to or after November 3, 1979?

Whm. prior to-

All four of them?

I'm not sure about RAEFORD CAUDLE, but I believe he was identified in the, in some newspaper pictures I saw of the China Grove thing. Whether I identified him as being with the Nazis I'm not sure.

[REDACTED]

While you were present in China Grove, did you see any of the Klan members on the porch point any of their weapons at the demonstrators?

[REDACTED]
Yeah.

[REDACTED]
How many?

[REDACTED]
How many weapons?

[REDACTED]
How many persons did you see point weapons at the demonstrators?

[REDACTED]
Well, all of them had had them, a dozen or more, about a dozen.

[REDACTED]
Did anyone point a weapon at you?

[REDACTED]
Not, no, I mean not at me in particular.

[REDACTED]
What did the demonstrators do when weapons were pointed at them?

[REDACTED]
Keep shouting.

[REDACTED]
Did you see any of the demonstrators threaten any of the Klansmen? See or hear?

[REDACTED]
What do you mean by threat?

[REDACTED]
Well, anything that you consider to have been a threat.

[REDACTED]
I didn't see anything other than the, than what people were doing as a group, you know, chanting the slogans and what have you.

[REDACTED]
Other than pointing the weapons at the demonstrators, did you see or hear any of the Klansmen threaten any of the demonstrators?

[REDACTED]
No.

[REDACTED]
How long did you stay in the vicinity of the Recreation Center while the Klan and Nazis or Klan members, excuse me, were out on the porch?

[REDACTED]
Well, there was a standoff about five minutes at least, and then your Klansmen went into the building.

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[REDACTED]: What happened after that?

Well, they had left a stand of some flags on the lawn. There was two American flags and three Confederate flags. And, uh, the demonstrators grabbed the Confederate flags and started burning them.

[REDACTED]: Okay, and who did you see participate in that?

Uhm, I can't recall in particular. There was a mass of them, actually, really there was. The only person I do remember is [REDACTED] holding one of the flags.

[REDACTED]: While it was burning?

Right. But there was three flags, and people were grabbing them up. I don't know who. I mean most of them were local people. I don't know who they were.

[REDACTED]: So you witnessed the burning of the flags, is that right?

[REDACTED]: Right.

[REDACTED]: Did you participate in that?

[REDACTED]: No.

[REDACTED]: Did anybody that you knew?

[REDACTED]: Right, I didn't, I mean when you're a participant, I was there, but I didn't.

[REDACTED]: Right, you didn't help light them on fire or encourage people to do that.

[REDACTED]: No.

[REDACTED]: Did any of the people that you know from Durham who attended the China Grove rally participate in that?

[REDACTED]: No, I can't remember.

[REDACTED]: Okay, what happened after that?

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Well, the Klan came out on the porch.

Came back out on the porch? What occurred then?

Uhm, I thought they was going to start shooting
and, uh...

They come out with their weapons?

Yeah, and, uh, I know they had, one guy was right at [redacted] and I thought sure, I thought [redacted] was getting ready to get shot. But it was a standoff after some shouting.

Can you describe this fellow that came after or
came at [redacted]?

No, I can't. I really don't remember. It was...

Do you recognize him as being an individual who was involved in the NOVEMBER 3 incident?

I don't know. I remember, uhm, it could have been RAEFORD CAUDLE. I say it because I remember him distinctly from China Grove and I remember the gun he was holding. He was in the forefront a lot of the stuff, and but I can't, I really can't say whether he came on. I tend to think he was one of the ones that came out when the flags were being burned, but I really can't say for sure.

When you say you remember the gun he was holding, what kind of gun do you recall?

Right, well it was this thing called, they call
Riot Gun I guess. It was sort of a short stocked
shotgun.

How many people came back out when the flag was
burning. Confederate flag?

Oh, twelve or I don't know. They, some of them came out of the door, and other ones sort of pressed their face against the window, you know, looking out. and it was about twelve or so.

What happened after that?

[redacted]: Well, then the group just, we marched around the Community Center, and went back to the black community.

[redacted] What if anything happened while you were marching back to the black community?

[redacted]: Nothing.

[redacted] Did you ever observe a vehicle with people in it having weapons while you were marching back to the black community?

[redacted]: What do you mean? I know there was, I think there was one that came by later, but...

[redacted]: Came by where?

[redacted] The road to the entrance. You talking about Klansmen came back?

[redacted] Well, any vehicle with persons that had weapons in it? Did you see a vehicle that you thought was a Klan vehicle?

[redacted] I didn't see it, but other people saw it. I mean I was at the time I was in the community center, there was one road that runs into the, you ever been in China Grove?

[redacted] Uh, uh.

[redacted] There's one road that runs into the black community, one road, one little street, and at the top of the street when people got back, there were some people stayed up there for lookouts in case the Klan would happen to come and there was a truck, there was a truck or vehicle, well I didn't see it, so I don't know, they claimed it was a truck with some guns and Klansmen and they came riding up and then they rode past.

[redacted] While you were at the Recreation Center, did you see any person among the demonstrators with weapons, firearms?

[redacted] Yes.

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[redacted]: How many?

A lot, I don't know. I say I don't know. There was a lot of weapons. Mostly from the people there in the community, there was a lot of, I guess Vietnam veterans.

[redacted]: What kind of weapons did you see?

They were rifles and some shotguns, rifles. And they proceeded to set up a sort of patrol in case the Klan would come into the community that night.

Okay, let me make sure this is, uh, clarified. What I meant to ask was while you were at the Recreation Center where the Klan was, did you see any members of the marchers with weapons?

[redacted]: Oh, no. With guns?

[redacted]: Right.

[redacted]: No.

So the guns that you're referring to being among the demonstrators, was back when you got back to West Side Community?

[redacted]: Right. Exactly.

[redacted]: Was that after the report of this vehicle passing by with weapons occurred?

[redacted]: I believe so, right.

[redacted]: Anytime that day, did you have a firearm in your possession?

[redacted]: No sir.

[redacted]: Did you see any of the people that you knew to be from Durham with a firearm in their possession that day?

[redacted]: Some of them. [redacted] I think had a pistol. I can't remember who else.

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[redacted]: Okay, do you know where he got that pistol from?

[redacted]: No.

[redacted]: How long did you stay in China Grove that night?

[redacted]: I left around 6 o'clock.

[redacted]: And who did you leave with?

[redacted]: Oh, I'm not sure. I think I left with, went with MIKE NATHAN, and, you know, who I came down with I believe.

[redacted]: And you went back to Durham?

[redacted]: Yes, I did.

[redacted]: Now, did you participate in any way in the planning or organization of the demonstration in Greensboro on November 3?

[redacted]: No.

[redacted]: All right, did you have any involvement in passing out leaflets or encouraging people to come to the demonstration in Greensboro on November 3?

[redacted]: Uh, I passed out some leaflets, mainly to people that I worked with in Trade Union stuff.

[redacted]: Here in Durham?

[redacted]: Right.

[redacted]: What was the nature of those leaflets?

[redacted]: Uhm, it was a leaflet with a picture from China Grove I believe on it, and it was discussing the Klan conference to be held in Greensboro on November 3, but I think it was a picture from Decatur and one from China Grove. There was two pictures I think on it; one from the Decatur march and one from the China Grove march. And it was just announcing Klan conference, anti-Klan conference in Greensboro.

[redacted]: Did it have any written statement on it?

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A written statement like what?

Well, you said it had some pictures, and obviously it...

Right it was a description of what, you know, you mean like a press release or what do you mean a statement?

Well, the posters you had on November 3 had a picture from China Grove on it, right?

Right.

And at some point you all have, had some leaf-lets that were similar to that.

Right.

With that same picture on it.

Right.

With some other small picture, right. In addition to those pictures, and the time and location and that kind of stuff that was printed on the same side as the photographs were, was there a written statement on the other side of the leaflets you passed out concerning China Grove or the Klan generally?

I believe there was, I believe this was the same leaflet. We talked, uh, we really had discussed some of the after effects of China Grove and some attempt by some of the administrators in China Grove to sort of criticize the demonstration. And discussion about what people needed to do to stop the Klan, and also the effects of the Klan of the China Grove thing in that the Klan hadn't had any public rally since then. Sort of being, I'm not really very precise, but there was, is that what you're talking about?

Yes. Did you participate in writing any of that material?

No sir.

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[REDACTED]: Do you know who did?

[REDACTED]: No sir I don't.

[REDACTED]: And you say that you passed this out among people that you knew from your union activities.

[REDACTED]: Right.

[REDACTED]: And did your distribution of these leaflets occur in Durham?

[REDACTED]: Yes and they also occurred I think in Rocky Mount.

[REDACTED]: Okay, did you ever go to Greensboro prior to November 3, 1979 and pass out leaflets or talk to people concerning their participation in the November 3 demonstration?

[REDACTED]: No sir.

[REDACTED]: In addition to passing out leaflets in Durham and Rocky Mount, did you discuss with people in those two communities their participation in the November 3 demonstration?

[REDACTED]: Yes. Well I see, I mean I didn't pass them out in a mass, is that what you mean? I mean people I pass them out to was in sort of a personal sort of discussions or way. I guess that's what I'm trying to get at.

[REDACTED]: Okay, so when you passed them out, you also talked about those people coming to Greensboro?

[REDACTED]: Right, right.

[REDACTED]: Okay.

[REDACTED]: Were you standing on street corners and leafletting everybody that came by?

[REDACTED]: No sir, I was not. This was, the leafletting I did was strictly a one to one thing, people that I knew.

[REDACTED]: What was your conversations with those persons concerning the November 3 demonstration?

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Well basically it was to talk about the, there was a conference to bring together grass root organizations to help plan out ways to combat, the Klan, growth of the Klan in North Carolina. And, uh, that was about it.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

During those various conversations you had with the persons, did the question come up about potential violence at the November 3 demonstration?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Right, there were some questions, there were questions, and, uh, the way I answered those questions was the way I had been informed through CESAR CAUCE, [REDACTED] Uh, to our best knowledge there was very, there was not a high level, let's start again. There probably wouldn't be any violence because, uhm, there was no Klan active in Greensboro, uhm, we were having some in Greensboro, uhm, and uhm, based relying on the people that WVO had worked within the mills and in the communities in Greensboro and, uh, it wasn't intended to, uh, there was no violence intended. It was based on their I guess intelligent reports I guess you call intelligence reports or survey situations, they didn't think there was a high likelihood that the Klan would try to disrupt it.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Okay, so were there discussions you had with persons in response to questions they raised?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Yes.

[REDACTED]

You didn't raise the issue yourself with them?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

No.

[REDACTED]

Did any of the persons you talked to express a fear that the Klan would come and that there would be violence?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Yes, some did.

[REDACTED]

Okay, if I understand correctly what you're saying is that you believed at that time that the Klan would not come on November 3 is that correct?

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]: That's correct.

And that's based on your conversations with [redacted]
[redacted] and CESAR CAUCE, is that correct?

[redacted]: And what I read in the paper. Statements of [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] made in the paper. Also
I read about the unit fighting over in Winston-
Salem between the two groups, between [redacted] and
[redacted] I just thought that they weren't in a
position to do anything. And there had been no
history of it. What I basically told people was
a month prior to this happening, [redacted]

who is the leader of the Invisible Empire of the
Klan, held a rally in Virginia Beach, Virginia
which I did not attend, but I read about in the
paper and there was over a thousand people showed
up and ran them into the ocean. And this was
supposedly the most militant of the Klan groups.
They stripped his robes off and beat up the Klans-
men. A thousand, there was over a thousand
counter-demonstrators. There was no history up
to this point of the Klan going out of its way to
attack a group in daylight, except for the inci-
dент in Decatur. Uhm, furthermore since the in-
cident in China Grove, the Klan had had no public
activity in North Carolina by and large.

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[redacted]: During these discussions with persons, did you
discuss with them whether members of the group
that were planning the demonstration were going
to have weapons available or firearms available
to defend themselves?

[redacted]: No, I don't remember that.

[redacted]: Did you have any discussions with CESAR CAUCE,
[redacted] or anybody else associated with
the WVO regarding having firearms available to
defend the march in Greensboro?

[redacted]: Uhm, yes, they said the parade permit prohibited
firearms and they didn't want anybody to bring
the firearms.

[redacted]: Who told you that?

[redacted]: [redacted] and CESAR CAUCE.

[redacted]
[redacted]: Did you have any discussions with any other persons regarding bringing firearms to the demonstration in Greensboro?

[redacted]
[redacted]: No. I did bring a shotgun in my car to Greensboro and was told to take it out of the car when I got to Greensboro.

[redacted]
[redacted]: Why did you bring that shotgun with you?

[redacted]
[redacted]: Just precaution I reckon.

[redacted]
[redacted]: Okay, with regard to, we'll get back to that in a minute, but with regard to coming to Greensboro on November 3, first of all I believe you said previously that prior to November 3, you had not come to Greensboro with regard to this demonstration, is that correct?

[redacted]
[redacted]: That's right.

[redacted]
[redacted]: Who did you come to Greensboro with on November 3?

[redacted]
[redacted]: With [redacted] and my [redacted].

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[redacted]
[redacted]: I need to back up myself for a minute. Did you have any meetings with the persons that were planning the march in Greensboro concerning the march prior to coming to Greensboro?

[redacted]
[redacted]: There was a meeting Thursday, the Thursday night prior to that in Durham. There was a meeting of people going to the march.

[redacted]
[redacted]: Where did that occur?

[redacted]
[redacted]: At the Break-the-Chain Bookstore in Durham.

[redacted]
[redacted]: Do you remember some of the people who were present for that meeting?

[redacted]
[redacted]: CESAR and [redacted]. They were the ones who led the meeting, but other than that it was just, I can't remember offhand but it was probably most of, well there was a crowd of people, I can't remember any of them.

[redacted]
[redacted]: Was there any discussion at that meeting about

bringing firearms or taking firearms to Greensboro?

Yes. (end of tape 1)

[redacted] on April 15, 1982 at Durham, North Carolina. Mr. [redacted] as we ran out of tape, I was asking you whether there was any conversations or discussions on November 2 at the meeting that you were describing concerning first, November 1, excuse me, November 1 at the meeting that you were describing concerning taking weapons to Greensboro?

[redacted]
There was a discussion about the parade permit that it said no firearms, that it said all not really well sticks for placards, I guess you would call them sticks, had to be 2 x 2 and that we had to start cutting these things 2 x 2, 2" x 2", and, uhm, that we were going to obey the parade permit, uhm, and, uh, hopefully everything would go okay.

[redacted]
Now, you indicated that on November 3, you went to Greensboro with [redacted] and I forgot who else you said.

My [redacted]

[redacted]
Your wife, [redacted]? And at that time you took with you your shotgun, is that correct?

[redacted]
That's correct.

[redacted]
What kind of shotgun was that?

[redacted]
It's a, uh, uhm, just 12 gauge shotgun.

[redacted]
Pump shotgun?

[redacted]
Pump shotgun.

[redacted]
Did you take with you any ammunition for that shotgun?

[redacted]
Uhm, I can't remember.

[redacted]
Did [redacted] to your knowledge bring any weapons with him?

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I don't think so.

Did your [redacted] bring any weapons with her?

No.

At that time did you own any other weapons?

No sir.

So you only owned one shotgun?

That's right.

No handguns?

No sir.

You indicated that when you arrived in Greensboro, that someone told you take the shotgun out of your car, is that correct?

Right. I was told if anybody had any guns in the car take them out and leave them at the house.

Okay, first of all, you and Mr. [redacted] and your [redacted] proceeded to Greensboro in your car?

Yes sir.

And where did you go in Greensboro initially?

To JIM WALLER's house.

Now who told you to take the weapons or the weapon, excuse me, out of your car?

What did she tell you to do with it?

Put it in the house.

Is that what you dig?

Yes sir.

[redacted] Who else was present when [redacted] said that?

[redacted] Oh I suppose my [redacted] was present.

[redacted] You said that her statement was if anybody had weapons in their cars to take them out. Was that a general statement she made to a group of people?

[redacted] Yep, as far as I know it was.

[redacted] Okay. And the other person you recall being present was your wife is that right?

[redacted] Right. Well, [redacted] was there and there was quite a few in the house and, uhm, she was talking to people sort of in groups. I can't remember who else was there. There was a crowd of people in the house.

[redacted] Did you see anybody else remove weapons from their vehicles and take them into the house?

[redacted] I believe they did, but I can't remember who they were. There was somebody else but I can't remember.

[redacted] What time was it that you arrived at the WALLER residence that morning?

[redacted] 10 o'clock.

[redacted] How long did you stay there?

[redacted] About 45 minutes.

[redacted] In addition to removing the weapon from your car, what else did you do while you were at the WALLER residence?

[redacted] JIM WALLER and [redacted] were basically briefing people about what to expect. There was some apprehension that the police might try to stop the march, and we were told to, if they did try to stop the march, try to stand firm and they were going to try to negotiate a solution. There was if police try to stop the march for some reason.

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That was why they were concerned about the parade permit and everybody was within the parade permit guidelines. Uhm,...

Do you recall anything else that was discussed while you were there?

No. That was basically it.

Mr. [redacted] do you recall if there was any discussion as to why the police might stop the march?

No, it was just an apprehension that the police had been uncooperative the whole time they'd been the people trying to get the parade permit. There was a feeling that there was something might happen and they thought, they didn't know really what it would be, but if we were thinking that, uh, well I wasn't thinking. This is what JIM WALLER and [redacted] was, the rest of the people that there was probably an attempt to, they would probably try to search people and, uh, stop the march in terms on violation of the parade permit.

Technical violation?

Right. Uhm, that was the only thing concrete. Other than that they just had been from their account the police had been very uncooperative and giving them a hard time about getting a parade permit to [redacted] and whoever else was involved in that, [redacted]. So, uhm, that was the general sort of briefing that we got that morning at JIM WALLER's house was that the only thing we that they worried about was the police trying to stop the march and that we might even go to Morningside and see a lot of police across the street with riot gear on, but if it was we were told try to stand firm. They were going to try to negotiate a solution so the march can go on.

Do you recall any discussion either there or at the meeting that you attended in Durham regarding a Marshal Force to protect the marchers?

I assume there was one. I think they said there

was one, but I didn't, the details I wasn't familiar with, I wasn't a part of that.

[redacted]: Okay, you were not a part of the Marshal Force?

[redacted]: No sir.

[redacted]: No one had ever discussed that with you?

[redacted]: No sir, I think CESAR CAUCE was involved with the Marshal Force, but I wasn't.

[redacted]: What else if anything did you do while you were at the WALLER residence, that morning?

[redacted]: Drank coffee, that's it.

[redacted]: Did you participate in putting together any posters or anything like that there?

[redacted]: No.

[redacted]: Okay, what time did you leave the WALLER residence to go to the rally formation site?

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[redacted]: At quarter to eleven.

[redacted]: And did you take your vehicle?

[redacted]: Yes, I did.

[redacted]: And who rode with you?

[redacted]: and my wife, and there may have been someone else from Greensboro that rode, I don't, I can't remember.

[redacted]: And you went then to Everett and Carver Streets?

[redacted]: Yes, I did.

[redacted]: And what time did you arrive there?

[redacted]: Well, shortly after quarter to eleven. Somewhere between that and eleven o'clock. I guess, well, I might have arrived there at quarter to eleven, it was somewhere, it didn't take but five minutes to get over there I guess.

[redacted]: Hold on one second, sir. I got something to ask you. When you were at the house, was there any discussion when you were sitting around as to speculations whether or not the Klan might show up?

[redacted]: There was no discussion whatsoever about that. That hadn't, I hadn't, there was no one, again people felt, thought that the, that trouble would come in the Greensboro Police Department.

[redacted]: When you arrived at Everett and Carver Streets, what did you do?

[redacted]: Oh, I parked my car and we got out and sort of stood around, waited for the rally to group up.

[redacted]: Do you recall how you were dressed that day?

[redacted]: Yes, I do. I was wearing a pair of Wrangler bluejeans I just bought a few weeks previous to this. Which are still in the custody of the Greensboro Police Department as is all my other clothes that I wore that day. I reckon, somebody's got them. I had a pair of work boots on, I had a, uh, I had several layers of shirts. I had a light blue turtleneck and, uhm, over the top of that I had my green Army fatigue shirt from military school with my name on it, and over top of that I had a black navy, a wool navy shirt, and I had my hard hat on. I believe it was my hard hat with my union emblem on the front, yellow hard hat.

[redacted]: Okay, how was your wife dressed that day?

[redacted]: Uhm, I think she had a blue, well, she had this blue coat on, it's a blue coat with a hood, and I guess she had bluejeans on, boots too, I forgot.

[redacted]: Okay, and you said you just sort of milled around at the rally formation site there, is that right?

[redacted]: Yeah. There was, [redacted] started singing, you know, and that starts some singing going on. And I was sort of standing off to the side from that.

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[REDACTED]

Did you help make any of the final preparations for the demonstration?

No sir.

[REDACTED]

Did you hear any discussion there at the scene about the possibility that the Klan was going to come?

[REDACTED]

No sir.

[REDACTED]

Did you hear any discussion there at the scene about weapons among the demonstrators?

[REDACTED]

No sir.

[REDACTED]

Did you see any weapons among the demonstrators?

[REDACTED]

No sir.

[REDACTED]

When did you first become aware that a caravan of Klan vehicles had arrived at the scene?

[REDACTED]

Well, let me back up a minute. If you want to do things chronologically.

[REDACTED]

All right.

[REDACTED]

What did happen though, it was a little shortly after 11 o'clock. Uhm, a white Chevy Nova or Chevy II or whatever you call it, same kind of car my mother has, a white Chevy II with two white, two young whites in it came up the street, came up, where's your little map?

[REDACTED]

I'll draw you another one.

[REDACTED]

Okay.

[REDACTED]

Came up which street, Everett Street?

[REDACTED]

Right.

[REDACTED]

Go ahead.

[REDACTED]

Okay, I was standing right here and it came up this way. When it got up here to the corner...

[REDACTED]

When you say right here, you're talking about the,

[redacted]: near the intersection of Carver and Everett right?

[redacted]: On that corner, yeah.

[redacted]: And the car you're describing came in the same direction that the caravan eventually came from, is that right?

[redacted]: Exactly.

[redacted]: Okay.

[redacted]: And it came up this way and it got to here and it turned off, I think it was Gillespie.

[redacted]: Okay.

[redacted]: It turned right. And I was standing near [redacted] and he had a walkie-talkie, and there was some concern about who was in that car. Uhm, not a whole lot of concern but we, people were, there was a surveillance team set up to try to make sure everything was fine, and, uh, the car turned and, uh, there was a discussion about whether people should follow that car or who was in that car or what, you know. Uhm, I don't know whatever if there was any follow-up. I think there was. I could hear people talking on the walkie-talkies. I, and then there was a, uhm, shortly after that, two police cars pulled up on Willow Street, and uhm stopped at the corner of Willow and Everett for about sixty seconds. They were marked Greensboro Police cars. And they turned right down Everett Street going out this way. And, uh...

[redacted]: Away from the rally formation site.

[redacted]: Right, in other words they stopped, I suppose they were looking up here to see, looking at the rally formation and they turned away, went the other way. That was about ten minutes after eleven. So at this point there was a sort of at least I was getting a little concerned because I felt that, uh, well because the police weren't there, you know, as we expected when we got there, and they were supposed to meet [redacted] so I heard

at 11:30 right here. Uh, and there was no sign of police except for those cars and they went off in the other direction, and, uh, there was some concern by this car that, uh, went by. And I was concerned if people were following up on that. And, uh, [redacted] was talking on the walkie-talkie to I don't know who he was talking to. Uhm, but right about this time there was a certain sense of sort of that something was not quite right, but, you know, I guess it was intuitive, but, uhm, it is at that point that the Klan started driving up.

How long after the police cars that you have described left the area, do you recall it being before the Klan came?

About five minutes, five or ten minutes.

Do you know who [redacted] had contact with with his walkie-talkie or what group?

No, I think he was talking to JIM WALLER. I'm not sure.

Okay, did he have communications with the people that were at the Windsor Community Center?

I don't know.

Okay, what first drew your attention to the Klan caravan?

Well, I first noticed, noticed the caravan, I didn't really hook it up as being the Klan. I noticed there were all of a sudden a lot of cars on the street, and they were. I noticed it looked sort of strange, and then people started hollering.

Where were you standing when you noticed this?

Right here.

Would you put a W there? Okay, so that's, uh, let's see it's, okay, so if Carver runs North and South, and Everett runs East and West, you were standing on the North side of Everett Street and Western edge of Carver Street, right at the side-

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[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

walk there, or just by the sidewalk of the intersection.

Yes, that's right.

Okay, and what is the first car that you recall seeing that you associated with the caravan?

It was a car with a Confederate license plate. That's all I remember. Cause when the people started chanting, you know, there's the Klan or I looked at the license plate and saw a Confederate flag, then it dawned on me who they were.

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]:
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

What did you do at that point?

Uh, I just stood there and watched them.

Did you participate in the chant?

Probably. I can't remember, but I probably did.

What occurred then?

Uhm, well, it seemed like there was a, this pickup truck put on brakes all of sudden up here, and there was almost a wreck. Two cars behind the pickup truck had to jam on brakes real suddenly to keep from hitting one another. Uhm,...

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[redacted]:
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[redacted]
[redacted]:
[redacted]
[redacted]

You're referring to the Western end of Everett Street, is that correct?

Yes sir, and then this guy leaned out of the truck and fired this pistol.

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]:
[redacted]
[redacted]

Did you see that or hear it, or . . .

I saw it. And, uhm, it fired it in the air.

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

What was his position when he fired that? You say leaned out, what do you mean?

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

Well he was, I think he opened the door and stood on the running board...

[redacted]
[redacted]

Before or after he fired it?

While he was firing. Uhm, so uhm, then everybody started to run in an easterly direction down Everett Street and around the corner through here. And I likewise, I ran behind one of these cars right here on Carver Street.

So they ran Easterly along Everett and then North on Carver, is that right?

Right.

Now, the shot you have just described was that the first shot that you heard that day?

Yes.

And is that the first weapon that you observed that day?

Yes, it is.

While the caravan was driving by, did you observe any weapons in the possession of the persons in the caravan?

No.

Okay, prior to that shot being fired, what actions if any did you see the demonstrators taking towards the vehicles?

Uhm, well some of the demonstrators went and kicked the tires of the car.

Okay, did that occur before or after the shot?

Uhm, I guess it was before the shot.

Who did you see do that?

I don't know, there was some, my wife tells me mostly the local, they were Morningside people, I didn't know, or Greensboro people I didn't know.

Okay, did you take any aggressive action towards the cars yourself?

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[redacted]
[redacted]: No sir.

And you were still standing in the location that you pointed out right at the corner of Carver and Everett Street?

[redacted]: Yes sir.

[redacted]: Okay. How many different vehicles did you see being struck?

[redacted]: One, that last car.

[redacted]: Okay and you, at that point, how many people did you see.

[redacted]: I say the last car, there was a lot of cars down here, it was a, there was a pickup truck, there were some cars in front and there was a pickup truck, a car, a car and then there was a gap and I'm saying the car...

[redacted]: The last car that had passed the intersection of Carver Street is that correct?

[redacted]: Right.

[redacted]: Okay, did you see any of the demonstrators taking any action towards the cars that had not yet passed Carver Street?

[redacted]: I wasn't looking in that direction. I don't know.

[redacted]: Okay. How many people did you see strike or strike out at that car?

[redacted]: Three or four.

[redacted]: Now you mentioned you observed and heard the shot being fired in the air, and that you turned and ran at that time, is that correct?

[redacted]: Uh huh.

[redacted]: And where did you run?

[redacted]: Behind one of these cars parked on Carver Street.

[redacted]: Okay, now did you run on the sidewalk side of the

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[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]: cars or on the street side of the cars?

I don't remember.

[redacted]
[redacted]: What did you do when you got up there?

I got behind one of these cars, maybe it was this one, I don't know.

[redacted]: Do you, can you describe the car that you got behind?

[redacted]: Uh, no sir.

[redacted]
[redacted]: Was it a car as opposed to a pickup truck.

Yes sir, it was a car. It was one of the cars parked along the side of Carver Street, and I looked out, over here on the grass there was people that I guess, Klansmen were attacking some of the demonstrators with the sticks on the grass over here.

[redacted]: Okay when you say over here on the grass, you're pointing to the east side of Carver Street?

[redacted]: Right.

[redacted]: And, uh, on the north side of Everett Street, is that correct?

[redacted]: That's right.

[redacted]: Okay.

[redacted]: And, uh, so I ran across the street to help defend the demonstrators from the attack.

[redacted]: Okay, which demonstrators did you see in that location?

[redacted]: Uhm, it's been very hard for me to remember. I don't know, I think CESAR CAUCE was there, and I think JIM WALLER was there, but I really can't be sure. I never have been able to remember exactly who was there, but I just knew that there was a fight going on...the Klansmen and the demonstrators, you know, I went to defend the demonstrators.

[redacted]

I, you know can't remember who they were.

Okay, well you've mentioned that it possibly was CESAR CAUCE and JIM WALLER, do you remember there being any more than two demonstrators involved in that?

[redacted]
Yes I think there was, there was, but I don't remember who they were.

[redacted]
How many Klansmen do you recall being involved?

[redacted]
Three or four.

[redacted]
What did the Klansmen have in their hands if anything?

[redacted]
Uhm, well, when I first saw, I saw some of those sticks, 2 x 2 sticks, but, uh, when I got there, I got over to the fight, and before really I could do anything, I was pushed down upon someone else, uhm, I really believe I was pushed by someone who was pushed. Or someone pushed somebody on top against me and we both fell down on top of a third person. So there was a person underneath me and then I was on top and then there was at least one person on top of me and maybe two, I don't know. Like a football pile-up. Uhm, and there was some struggling going on. Then, uhm, I distinctly remember someone out here in this vicinity.

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[redacted]
Now you're pointing to the...

[redacted]
The street, Everett Street, uhm, a Klansman from their caravan gave an order to hit the ground and immediately all Klansmen in the area quit fighting and it was just very strange, it was almost like the eye of a hurricane, cause all this had been going on and everybody sort of quit and at that moment I looked below me and the guy I was laying on top of was clutching a shotgun to his chest, and it was the same kind of riot gun I saw RAEFORD CAUDLE hold in China Grove. I distinctly remember that shotgun because up until that point I hadn't seen any weapons besides the pistol in the first truck.

[redacted]
Okay, up to that point, had you heard any shots

besides that first shot?

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

No.

Okay.

Uhm, so uhm, so I got up when the guy above me got up. I mean everybody sort of peeled off and then the shooting began. It was almost as if he was ordering all of the Klansmen to take cover while, while they were shooting on the street. And that's the feeling that I got. So I immediately got up and ran back across the street behind the Channel 12 station wagon.

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

Okay, was that the Channel 12 station wagon was the car you went behind the second time is that correct?

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

Yes. It may have been the one the first time, but I'm not sure. That's why I said I wasn't sure. But I know the second time it was the Channel 12 car.

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[redacted]
[redacted]

Okay.

[redacted]
[redacted]

And I went back across, well, maybe I ought to stop and go back. When I went across that's when I ran to my wife and [redacted] pulling [redacted] behind that same car.

[redacted]
[redacted]

Okay, before we continue with that part, let me ask you about this pile of people over here.

[redacted]
[redacted]

Okay.

[redacted]
[redacted]

Describe for me if you will the individual you saw laying underneath you with the shotgun.

[redacted]

Uhm, I believe he was shorter than I was, and I'm 5'10" so I would say he was probably 5, I got the sense and this is very sort of impressionistic, but I got the sense he was shorter than I was, uhm, heavier than I was, a little bit heavier, maybe 5'8", 160 pounds, uhm, no beard, plaid shirt, uhm, that's all I remember. I can remember he was young. He wasn't old. He wasn't fat. He wasn't skinny. He was a

[redacted]: little shorter than I was and maybe a little heavier. Maybe like I say I say around 5'8", 160 - 170 pounds.

If you saw a picture of that individual, do you think you would recognize him?

That's hard to tell. Well, I have a, I have an idea who it was and this is based on pictures since then.

[redacted]: Who do you think it was?

[redacted] Uhm, but,uh, it's based on just putting pieces together since the event. At the time I couldn't recognize more than what I described. I remember he was just basically, he was not tall and a little bit shorter than I was. He wasn't fat, he wasn't skinny. He was a little bit heavier than I was. He was clean shaven. Didn't have a beard.

[redacted]: Okay, did you ever see who it was that was on top of you in that pile?

[redacted] No, it could have been CESAR CAUCE. Uhm, it was a big person like CESAR.

[redacted] Could it have been JIM WALLER?

[redacted] No, I have a distinct impression JIM WALLER was standing beside the pile-up, that he wasn't in on it, but I'm not, like I say a lot of this is just hard to remember, but that's the feeling I got after, after two years of thinking it over in my head.

[redacted] Do you know where that person produced that shotgun from?

[redacted] No, I do not.

[redacted] While you were in that vicinity was that gun fired?

[redacted] I didn't see it fired while I was over there.

[redacted] When, well did you hear it fired?

I don't know. When I ran back across here I heard there was, I knew there was shooting going on.

This is a continuation of the interview with [redacted] on April 15, 1982 at Durham, North Carolina. Okay, Mr. [redacted] you were indicating that you do not recall seeing the shotgun fired or hear the shotgun fired while you were on the East side of Carver Street. Uhm, when you got, did you attempt to take that shotgun away from that person?

No sir.

Did you see any other demonstrator attempt to take that shotgun away?

No sir. I saw a shotgun and I knew I had to get out of there.

And that's when you began to run back across Carver Street, is that correct?

That's right.

As you were running across Carver Street, what did you see?

I saw [REDACTED] my wife, and [REDACTED] uh, pulling [REDACTED] out of the street behind the Channel 12 wagon.

And where did you go?

Right there behind there with them.

As you were running across the street, did you hear any weapons being fired?

Yes I did.

Can you describe the repetitity or the volume of shots that you heard at that time?

Not really, there was a number of shots. I just knew they were shooting. There was a number of shots.

[redacted]: Okay, where did you go behind the Channel 12 car?

[redacted]
[redacted]: I was right on the north end of the car.

[redacted]
[redacted]: Do you recall if that car was parked with the front end of it pointed north on Carver Street?

[redacted]
[redacted]: I believe so, but I couldn't be sure.

[redacted]
[redacted]: So were you at the front end, the motor end, as opposed to the rear end?

[redacted]
[redacted]: I believe so, but I can't be sure.

[redacted]
[redacted]: What happened then?

[redacted]
[redacted]: Then I looked out, back across Carver Street, and I saw [redacted] on the grass, standing in the grass, waving a placard and shouting at the Klansmen and walking forward and I felt very, very, I felt like I wanted to stretch my arm right across the highway and knock him down because I said don't you know they're shooting out there, and, you know, I just wanted to knock him down, but I don't have this kind of powers so I didn't see him get shot. I did see him right near that point while he was waving his placard and shouting at them, and then I looked in front of me, well I wouldn't say in front of me. I looked at, uh, I turned my sight from an easterly direction to a southeasterly direction, is that the way you want me to say it? Uhm, and I saw MIKE NATHAN on the street there, bleeding from the head and, uh, he was about ten feet from me,

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[redacted]: Did you see how he got to that location?

[redacted]
[redacted]: No, I just saw him, he was on the ground.

[redacted]
[redacted]: Up to the time that you saw MIKE NATHAN laying in the street there, do you recall any of his movements from the time that the caravan first arrived till the time you saw him on the street?

[redacted]
[redacted]: No.

[redacted]
[redacted]: Now when you saw this, [redacted] was still standing over by the building, is that right?

[redacted]: Yeah.

[redacted] And what did you do at that point?

[redacted] Well, I knew I had to get MIKE out of the street. I scooted out in the street to see what kind of help he needed. I pulled him out of the street.

[redacted] What happened then?

[redacted] I got shot.

[redacted] Where?

[redacted] Uhm, you mean where on my body?

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] I got shot in nine places. Two in the head, one through the lip that knocked these two teeth out, two in my forearm, and four in my shoulder area. They were all shotgun pellets. Uhm, of a large size, a large caliber size. Large.

[redacted] Where, where again in your head did you get shot?

[redacted] On either side, do you see the hole? They had to take out part of my skull there. On the other side it went in and came out. The one through my lip they say I swallowed it, and then one here, one here, and there's one down in my chest that grazed my lung, caused some bleeding. There's four in this area, there's one here, one here, one here, I got another one somewhere in my shoulder.

[redacted] Do you know where you were and what position you were facing when you got shot?

[redacted] I was facing southeast, facing toward where the shooting was coming from.

[redacted] Okay, and were you crawling on the ground or had you stood up or what?

[redacted] I was squatting, let's put it that way. I wasn't standing up. I was in a kneeling position.

[redacted] You had a hard hat on at some point, right?

Yes.

Had you already lost the hardhat?

I lost that over here in that scuffle.

Okay, now where were you in relation to MIKE NATHAN's body when you were shot?

I was at his head.

Do you know whether he was hit at the same time you were. Obviously he had already been hit, right?

Right.

Do you know if he was hit again when you were hit?

No. To my knowledge he wasn't hit when I was hit.

What did you do then?

Well, I felt like somebody hit me with a baseball bat. I didn't, I wasn't aware of all these other wounds. I was just aware of the head wound. Uh, and, uhm, I knew I'd been shot so I sort of turned around and got down on the ground and crawled back behind the Channel 12 wagon, and then just waited there until the shooting stopped. I knew my mouth was bleeding. I didn't realize I'd lost my teeth. I thought maybe I'd, I didn't realize I got shot in my lip. I thought maybe I just had bit hard broke a tooth off or something. Uhm, I stood, I crawled back behind there until the shooting stopped.

Okay, did you at any time see, I take it when you started out after MIKE NATHAN, [redacted] was still standing?

Well, I looked this way and I looked that way. I mean, when I moved my eyes to MIKE I didn't see [redacted] after that, so I don't know at what point he was shot. I assume it was momentarily after I saw him.

You saw him later, did you see him later where he was laying on the ground?

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Yes.

Was that in the same place that you had been him standing?

More or less. Yes.

Now you mentioned that you thought it was CESAR CAUCE and JIM WALLER, who were the other two people over in this vicinity when you were there?

There was someone else there too. I don't remember, I can't place him. I think there was someone else involved, I'm not sure.

After you ran back across the street, did you see CESAR CAUCE or JIM WALLER?

No, no, I didn't even look over there. I mean I didn't look at that, I didn't look over there.

As I take it, you didn't see where the person who had the shotgun went?

No.

As you were running back across the street, did you see SANDY SMITH anywhere?

No.

When you were behind the Channel 12 car before you crawled out in an attempt to assist MICHAEL NATHAN, were you aware of the presence of BILL SAMPSON?

No.

What about ?

No.

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Yeah, he was. [redacted] was behind the car with

those were the people behind the car with me when I was behind there.

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[redacted]
Now, at any time while you were behind that car before you went out to assist Dr. NATHAN, did you hear shots coming from behind you or west of you?

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
No.

Did you ever see a man coming from a westerly direction on Everett Street and start up north on Carver Street, somebody who was not associated with the demonstrators?

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
No.

Okay, what else do you recall about that day or prior to the shooting, prior to when the shooting ended? Anything?

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
That's about it.

[redacted]
At the time that you got shot, did you have a weapon in your possession?

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
No.

[redacted]
Did you have any kind of stick?

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
No.

[redacted]
At any time while you were at the demonstration at Carver and Everett Street, did you have a weapon in your possession?

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
No sir.

[redacted]
And after the shooting was over, what happened?

I stood up and I could see, you know, SANDY SMITH over here, and I could see she was, she looked dead. It was a strange sight. And I could see everybody else lying around. There were people running for ambulances and what have you. I still didn't realize that people were dead. It's one of those things, you think the ambulance is going

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to get there and everybody's going to be okay. I walked around. I wandered around, uhm, I really didn't know what to do, you know. I figured I needed to be doing something and helping someone else. I walked over here and the people were going to one of these apartments here, and I walked in the house. I really don't know why I walked in. I guess I didn't know what I was doing. By then this lady who lived there she, I was bleeding and all, and I didn't realize how bad I was bleeding. She started getting upset cause I was, you know, so I excused myself and walked back outside. Then someone told me that I better sit down, that I was bleeding pretty bad. Uhm, so I sat down and they got my wife and she stayed with me until the rescue squad got there, and, uhm, you know, at that time I began to hear, you know, people hollering, saying that people were dead and all. I saw CESAR, I saw them trying to, I think someone was lifting CESAR's body up and I thought that meant that he wasn't dead or something, I didn't learn until later that he had died. You know JIM WALLER, I thought PAUL was dead. So, I just waited till the rescue squad got there, and the rescue squad took me to the hospital.

[redacted]: At the hospital they removed a number of pellets from you, is that correct?

[redacted]: They removed one.

[redacted]: That was the one from your head. Did they take any of the ones out of your shoulder or your forearm?

[redacted]: No sir, they're still in there.

[redacted]: The one that grazed you on the right side of the head went clean through, is that right?

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[redacted]: Right. And the one through my lip I swallowed it. They didn't check my bowel movements.

[redacted]: Did the doctor indicate to you or do you know what size pellets hit you?

[redacted]: The doctor indicated they were buck shots, you know.

You were indicating that the doctor indicated they were buck shot?

Uhm, later, uhm, after I was out of the hospital, I opened a buck shot, double ought buck shot shell, there were nine pellets in a buck shot, in double ought shell, and that led me to believe I was hit with nine pellets from a double ought buck shot, but I say, the Doc says that's buck shot. From reading the newspaper reports from the trial it seemed like it was loose terminology. What I mean by that, according to the newspaper reports, [redacted] was shooting a number four shot, so it could be, I don't know. It was bigger than bird shot. Definitely.

Why do you think [redacted] shot you?
Why do you think that?

I have a hunch he did. Because he was standing in that vicinity in the direction, I mean, when I left him he was in the spot where I was looking to where I saw MIKE. I think, I think he shot MIKE.

If that was him.

If that was him. There was no, let me put it this way. There was no report in the trial about anybody using anything heavier than the number 4. So I don't know. I didn't read anything about using any double ought. So, I know it was not bird shot. It was definitely high, a large pellet.

Did you see anybody shooting in your direction as you went out there to help MIKE NATHAN?

No.

So you're basing your feeling that it was [redacted] because you believe he was the person on the grass where you were?

Yeah, it's purely intuition. It's not, I don't have any hard evidence, but, uhm, I just have that feeling.

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Did you ever pick up and take yourself or get issued a stick that day or any kind of baton?

No.

[redacted], you said that when the caravan arrived you heard people in the car yelling from the Klan and the Nazis? Can you remember what they were yelling?

No, just cussing and cussing.

Do you remember if they were any racial slogans said?

You know, Comi Bastards, Nigger Lovers, Niggers. I can't, it wasn't anything, that stood in my mind other than the general run-of-the-mill.

You do recall hearing statements of the nature you just said?

Right.

I'd like you to look at a series of photographs here on page 1 through 10 of this notebook and ask you, take as much time as you want to look through those, and ask you if you can identify the person that you saw on the ground with the shotgun.

Well, that's sort of not fair. That's

You're pointing, you're pointing to R3, is that right?

Yeah, when I was shown this before, I couldn't pick the guy out, but I did eliminate all the guys with beards and long hair. I know definitely, and he was not an old guy.

Do you recall if he had a hat on?

I think so. I think so. That he had a hat. Because the reason I say that was, uhm, I first thought it was RAEFORD CAUDLE because of the gun. I recognize the gun from China Grove. Then later

on I realized that RAEFORD CAUDLE was an entirely different description of the guy that was underneath me. But I remember he had that little hat on in China Grove, and so like he had a hat. It wasn't the same kind of hat, but it was a hat on. I mean...

[redacted]:

What do you recall about his clothing?

[redacted]:

He had a plaid shirt on.

[redacted]:

Do you remember anything about the color of it?

[redacted]:

No. So what do you want me to do?

[redacted]:

Well.

[redacted]:

Look through this more?

[redacted]:

Only if you feel it would be helpful.

[redacted]:

To identify any of them?

[redacted]:

Right. Or any of the other, let me expand it. Do you recognize any of the other persons depicted in the photographs as being the persons who were involved in that fight over there?

[redacted]:

I can't remember...I can't remember.

[redacted]:

Okay. Was there anything else that you wish to mention about anything that we covered so far before we show you the video tapes, November 3, China Grove or anything else?

[redacted]:

I don't.

[redacted]:

Does anybody have any questions for Mr. [redacted] before we proceed?

[redacted]:

I do, [redacted] You said two police cars pulled up for about sixty seconds, did you notice or see any communication or exchange at all between the officers in that car and any of the people standing there on Carver and Everett Streets?

[redacted]:

No, they were, they were not, you know, they were down at Willow and Everett. Uhm, no.

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[redacted]: Do you remember any communication exchange at all at a distance?

No, no. They pulled up one behind the other and they stood there for about sixty seconds or so and sort of looked over the situation and, uh, you know, at first people thought they were going to come up, that was who was supposed to meet [redacted] at 11:30, and then they turned in the other direction, so it just sort of was strange in a way, you know, I guess.

[redacted]: Now 103016 on the film, do you recognize the individual with his arm protruding from the car window?

[redacted]: That's RAEFORD CAUDLE.

[redacted]: Did you observe this on November 3, 1979?

[redacted]: I can't be sure, I don't know.

Okay, as we proceed with the film, you tell me when the first car that you recall observing in the caravan appears on the screen.

[redacted]: That one right there.

Okay, then you're referring to the car shown on 103410 on the film, is that correct?

[redacted]: I saw the other cars, but it wasn't until that car that I realized what was happening.

[redacted]: Okay, this is a green sedan with a Confederate flag, is that correct?

[redacted]: Right.

[redacted]: 105727 on the tape, do you recognize yourself in this picture?

[redacted]: Yeah, right there I guess. I mean that looks like it could be me.

[redacted]: You're referring to the person who appears to have a light colored hard hat on, and a dark

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coat with a lighter jacket underneath?

[redacted]
[redacted]: Right.

[redacted]: Near the right hand edge of the screen in the far distance?

[redacted]: Yeah, right. I suppose, it's hard to tell, but it looks like me.

[redacted]: Okay, that's 111727, do you recognize yourself?

[redacted]: Yes.

[redacted]: Are you the fellow with...

[redacted]: With the yellow hard hat.

[redacted]: Okay, do you see the person who as you look at the video tape, is in front of you with a guitar?

[redacted]: Right.

[redacted]: Okay, do you know who that is?

[redacted]: That's [redacted].

[redacted]: And you appear in this photograph just over [redacted] s right shoulder, is that correct?

[redacted]: That's correct.

[redacted]: Did you see what just happened on the video tape?

[redacted]: It appears someone hit that car. I don't know, go back, I can't see what happened, or shot or something.

[redacted]: Did you hear that? Well, let me ask this. Do you recall seeing a person strike a car with a stick, right approximately where you were standing on 11/3/79?

[redacted]: Uh, I don't recall it.

[redacted]: Now, do you see yourself in this photograph, 112828?

[redacted]: Right.

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Do you know what drew your attention down in a westerly direction on the street?

Well, is that when it went to brake, or is that when, well, I don't know. There were some people kicking the tires of the car. But I don't know if that's what drew my attention or the brakes. I don't know. I was looking that way anyway wasn't I?

Concentrate on, uh, on, uh, your actions and the sound.

Okay.

Did you see what direction you're looking?

Uh huh.

Okay, you're looking back easterly on Everett aren't you?

Uh huh.

Is that 112527?

Uh huh.

What did you hear?

Some kind of pop or something slapped or popped.
(end of tape 2)

At 114002...

Okay, Mr. [redacted] you were describing what you saw on November 3, 1979 which is similar to what you are now viewing on the screen on 114016 on the tape.

The man riding the pickup truck got out on the running board and fired a pistol overhead.

Okay, is this the position you recall seeing him in when you saw the shot fired?

Uhm, not exactly. I thought he had his arm stretched out.

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[redacted]: But he didn't. Okay, you thought his arm was stretched out, is that correct?

[redacted]
[redacted]: Right, but it was on the running board like this.

[redacted]
[redacted]: Okay, he was standing out and you could see this much of his body.

[redacted]
[redacted]: Right, yes.

[redacted]
[redacted]: Now on the video tape you see a stick fight occurring at the intersection of Everett and Carver, it's 115025 on the tape. Uh, do you recall seeing any portion of this on the third of November, 1979?

[redacted]
[redacted]: No.

[redacted]
[redacted]: Now, you saw on the video tape, there you saw several people dragging somebody up the street, is that correct?

[redacted]
[redacted]: Uh huh.

[redacted]
[redacted]: And those are the people you indicated earlier that you saw dragging [redacted] up the street?

[redacted]
[redacted]: I can't tell from the picture. You have to show it again.

[redacted]
[redacted]: Okay, now at this point 120116 on the film, if you'll concentrate your attention up Carver Street here, and, uh, I'll ask you to indicate whether you observed what appears there on the third of November, 1979.

[redacted]
[redacted]: Yeah.

[redacted]
[redacted]: Okay, is that what you recall seeing on November 3, 1979?

[redacted]
[redacted]: Yeah, but not, I, I, yeah.

[redacted]
[redacted]: Okay, where were you when you saw that?

[redacted]
[redacted]: I was over here to the right. I was coming across the street from the right. Are those...

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[redacted]: Do you recognize who this person is here? Appears to be in the reddish or brownish colored coat?

[redacted]: No, not from that, I can't quite...

[redacted]: Do you recognize who the person is in the light colored coat with the blue hard hat?

[redacted]: No, I don't recognize those people.

[redacted]: Do you recognize who the person is in the plaid shirt with the blue hard hat?

[redacted]: No, not at that angle.

[redacted]: Do you recognize who was standing?

[redacted]: That's CESAR CAUCE.

[redacted]: Okay, for the record, this is 120907 on the tape. Now, you indicated that you had already been over in this grassy area.

[redacted]: Right.

[redacted]: On top of the man that had the shotgun.

[redacted]: Right.

[redacted]: And got up and began to run across the street when you observed these people dragging [redacted] around the front of that car, is that correct?

[redacted]: That's what I said.

[redacted]: And you said you thought CESAR CAUCE was the person who was on top of you, is that correct?

[redacted]: That's what I said.

[redacted]: Okay.

[redacted]: I don't know. I thought he might be.

[redacted]: It could have been somebody else that day?

[redacted]: Yeah.

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MIKE, before you go on, the last time that we actually saw you [redacted] you were down the street a little ways to my left, and realizing this action only takes a matter of moments, uh, how, what path did you follow to get from down where we last saw you on the left to the grassy side which is to the right of the screen?

[redacted]: I came down, turn on the sidewalk, and ran back behind the car where you see the people going behind now.

[redacted]: Okay, you cut through between the two cars there or...

[redacted]: No, well, I got down behind the car and took a position that was behind the car. Then I looked out across the street and saw something going on some of the demonstrators getting hit with sticks I remember or fists, and that's when I scoot, I ran out from behind the car across the street to where that was happening.

[redacted]: And that was before all these other people arrived behind the car? [redacted], ...

[redacted]: Yeah, that was before they arrived. When I moved across the street, right, yes, definitely.

[redacted]: See right in there's where...

[redacted]: Now on 122627 on the screen you see a gentleman with bluejeans, a plaid shirt, carrying something in his hand, a gentleman with bluejeans and light colored shirt walking up the street, a person behind him with bluejeans and a plaid shirt and dark hair, and back here you see somebody with sort of grey colored pants and a black jacket, do you recognize any of those persons as being persons that were involved in the struggle with you that you described in that grassy area?

[redacted]: I can't recognize them.

[redacted]: You see in the upper right, or upper middle?

[redacted]: Yes.

[redacted]: Who?

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Okay, and you recall seeing him standing there at some point, is that correct?

Right, right.

Now you're back behind Channel 12 car, right?

Right.

Now focusing your attention on these three persons in the front of the screen, I ask you if at any point you recognize anything you saw that day, not necessarily at this location. Can you tell what this person in the right hand side of the screen is carrying?

He's carrying a shotgun.

Is that, uh, it's pretty much, let's back up. Okay, the video tape has been stopped several hours yet, okay, we stopped it at 122024, and you directed our attention to the right hand edge of this pickup truck and some folks on the ground, is that correct?

Yeah, I'm just trying to see if I could see myself in there.

Okay, now this is well after as you've already seen on the video tape, ...

Right.

had been taken back behind the Channel 12 car.

Right, well let's still look at it.

Okay, we'll go frame by frame. Do you recognize who this is right here, can you tell by the clothing, brown pants?

It's CESAR. Is it a brown jacket?

It's brown pants.

Okay.

[redacted]: Can you tell us whether it was brown pants and a plaid shirt of some kind?

[redacted]: I can't tell.

[redacted]: Do you see right under the pickup truck 122806, a person laying on the ground there?

[redacted]: Uh huh.

[redacted]: Okay, watch that person, as well as any other persons coming out from behind this pickup truck. See this person on the left hand side of the screen?

[redacted]: Right, right.

[redacted]: See what's in his hand?

[redacted]: It's a shotgun.

[redacted]: Is that similar to the shotgun you remember the person having who was, who you were laying on top of?

[redacted]: Yeap, sure looks like from this point. I can't, it's a short barrel, I'd have to see it closer. But it sure...

[redacted]: Does that person look at all like the person you recall laying on top of that day?

[redacted]: Yep.

[redacted]: And that person doesn't have a hat on does he?

[redacted]: No.

[redacted]: You're at 122617.

[redacted]: Now, do you see [redacted] standing back here?

[redacted]: Right.

[redacted]: Do you recognize either this person or the person in front of him as either of the two people involved in that struggle that you were describing earlier?

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[redacted] I can't recognize them.

[redacted] Do you see this person back here with a black jacket on?

[redacted] Right.

[redacted] Do you recognize that person as being involved in the struggle that you were describing earlier?

[redacted] I can't. Most probably they were, I don't know.

[redacted] I'm going to turn back to regular speed.

[redacted] Okay.

[redacted] Do you recognize yourself in this frame which is...

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] ...123009?

[redacted] Uh huh.

[redacted] And where are you at?

[redacted] Uhm, on the ground to the right with MICHAEL NATHAN, I mean to the left of MICHAEL NATHAN.

[redacted] Okay, that was after you were shot, is that correct?

[redacted] That's correct.

[redacted] Now Mr. [redacted] is there anything else that you recall after having viewed the video tape regarding what occurred on November 3 at Everett and Carver that you wish to relate to us at this time?

[redacted] No.

[redacted] Now, other than the things you've already mentioned, do you have any personal knowledge or knowledge from any source about the activities of the Greensboro Police officers that indicates their involvement in the events that led up to,

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[redacted]; during, or after November 3, 1979?

[redacted]; Knowledge from any source?

[redacted]; Yes.

[redacted]; From what I read in the newspapers, and what I read in the Institute for Sun State Report.

[redacted]; Do you have knowledge from any other source?

[redacted]; No.

[redacted]; Okay, is there any person or source that you can direct us to to determine any information relative to involvement of the Greensboro Police Department?

[redacted]; No, not that I know of.

[redacted]; Okay, what about with regard to the activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms or any other Federal agency?

[redacted]; No. I don't have any. I don't have access to that knowledge.

[redacted]; I understand that. Do you know of any source that we ought to contact relative to the involvement of those agencies or any other Federal agency?

[redacted]; Uhm, no I don't. You'll have to talk to my lawyers about that. I'm sure they can steer you in the right direction. I don't know.

[redacted]; Okay. Is there anything else that you think is relevant that we have failed to ask you about, that you wish to relate to us now?

[redacted]; Uhm, did you want me to identify this shotgun, you got a picture of that or do you want that or...

[redacted]; Well, let's see if we have that here?

[redacted]; Why haven't you put that in front of me already?

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[redacted]: You think you can identify the shotgun?

[redacted]: I did once before.

[redacted]: All right.

[redacted]: I know it's in your little folder, so...

[redacted]: In that case, we'll show it to you. We're not immune from forgetting to ask a question. Just look through those photographs and if you recognize the weapon that you think you saw that day...

[redacted]: Well, it was that one, same as this one isn't it? Or are they different?

[redacted]: Now you're referring first to the weapon shown on page 26 and page 27, is that correct?

[redacted]: Right.

[redacted]: Okay, those are different weapons.

[redacted]: Okay, well I see. I see there's a difference. You can tell by, uhm...

[redacted]: You think if you saw the actual shotgun, that you'd be able to identify it?

[redacted]: Uhm, I can't tell the length of these things. But it was...

[redacted]: Now let me suggest this, uh...

[redacted]: I believe it was this one here.

[redacted]: Okay, you're pointing to the one that's depicted on page 26, is that correct? In the black and white photograph?

[redacted]: Right, right.

[redacted]: Okay, do you think if you saw the actual shotguns that you'd be able to select the one that you saw that day?

[redacted]: I hope I could. At the time it was my state of my memory, it was a barrel that had the barrel

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on the bottom side was as big as the top barrel. It was different from for instance my shotgun or...

In other words you're saying that the slide where you load, where you keep the load, it was as long as the barrel is that correct?

Right, right. That one looks similar, but this is definitely, I can't tell, from the picture if this is shorter.

Anything else that we may have failed to ask you about, that you wish to relate to us at this point?

No.

Anything, anybody else wants to ask of Mr. [redacted]?

Okay, thank you. This concludes the interview with [REDACTED]. The time is now 6:24.

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